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wes a cordon around an E-3 Sentry airborne warning and control system (AWACS) aircraft from the 961st Airborn Air Control Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, during exercise Keen Sword 2005 on Wednesday at Yokota. The exercise is being conducted at U.S. and Japanese military bases throughout Japan.





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Three months after Alexandra Scott died of cancer at age 8, her goal of raising \$1 million for cancer research this year by selling lemonade has been sur-passed.

Alexandra's parents said Tuesday that the 2004 total probably will be close to \$1.5 million, which the Alex's Lemonade Stand foundation will donate to cancer-research institutions, as it has done since Alex set up her char-

Officials at Children's Hospital of Philadel-phia, where Alex was treated, said they have expanded research and experimental medication programs because of the little girl's chari-

'Passion' confession: The parents of a slain teenager whose attacker came forward after watching the movie "The Passion of the Christ" have filed a complaint with the state about their daughter's autopsy.

The parents of Ashley Nicole Wilson contend that the Harris County, Texas, Medical Examiner's Office did not detect their 19-year-old daughter's pregnancy. That's despite an obstetrician's examination showing she was pregnant seven days before her death, according to parents Renee Coulter and Dan Wilson.

Big Dig leaks: The Big Dig highway project in downtown Boston is riddled with leaks dumping millions of gallons of water into the \$14.6 billion tunnel system, according to an engineer hired to investigate the

cause of a massive leak in September.
Fixing the hundreds of leaks could take up to 10 years, said Jack K. Lemley, a consultant hired by the Massachusetts Turnnike Authority to investigate the problem.

Lemley told the Boston Globe for a story in Wednesday editions that repairing Sep-tember's leak would require two months and include traffic lane closures.

McGreevey's future: From advocating for gay rights to pushing for stem cell research, life beyond the New Jersey governorship ap-pears to be full of possibilities for James E.

As he contemplates a future that begins with his resignation at midnight Monday, his options are seemingly wide open: advocates are courting him to take up their causes, and he has already agreed to be a volunteer for a national education organization, said his friend, state Sen. Raymond Lesniak.

Sept. 11 trial: One of the Sept. 11, 2001,



Peace award: Yusuf Islam, formerly known as rock star Cat Stevens, shows the Gorbachev Foundation Man for Peace 2004 award after receiving it from former Soviet **President Mikhail Gorbachev and Rome** Mayor Walter Veltroni on Wednesday in Rome. Islam received the award before the start of the 5th World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates conference in Rome.

suicide pilots mentioned the World Trade Center and said "you will think of me again" during an anti-American outburst two years before the attacks on the United States, a witness at the retrial of a man suspected of aiding the attacks testified Wednesday in Hamburg. Germany

Similar evidence from librarian Angela Duile, 33, helped secure the original conviction last year of Mounir el Motassadeq, a Moroccan who is accused of providing logistical support to the Hamburg al-Qaida cell that included three Sept. 11 hijackers

Gore's new gig: Former U.S. Vice President Al Gore was named chairman Tuesday of Generation Investment Management, a new London-based fund management firm that plans to create environment-friendly portfolios

Gore said the new company will carefully screen potential companies to invest in. choosing only those that meet specific standards on how they treat their employees and the environment.

Growth prospects also will be considered.

fghanistan kidnappings: The kidnappers of three U.N. election workers in Afghanistan. claimed Wednesday a deal for their release soon could be reached, even as the United States indicated it would not free jailed mili-

A Taliban splinter group says 26 prisoners, some of them in Guantanamo Bay, must be freed if it is to spare the lives of the three foreigners, who were abducted 13 days ago in

tants in return.

Military officials in Afghanistan have declined to say whether they will release any

Pakistan nuclear scientist: Pakistan's Supreme Court on Wednesday dismissed a peti-tion against the detention of disgraced nuclear scientist Abdul Qadeer Khan after he submitted a letter saying he was being "looked after well."

Khan has been under virtual house arrest in Islamabad since a scandal broke in December over his alleged black market dealings that supplied nuclear weapons technology to

Iran, North Korea and Libya.

A friend of Khan's, Hussam-ul Haq, had petitioned the court, and has claimed that the scientist was in poor health and recently suffered a mild heart attack — denied by Pakistani authorities

North Korea nuclear crisis: U.S. experts briefed NATO allies Wednesday on international efforts to curb North Korea's nuclear

NATO officials in Brussels, Belgium, declined to give details of the confidential brief-

They stressed the alliance was not directly involved in efforts to persuade North Korea to drop its nuclear weapons program, but said the U.S. briefing reflected NATO's growing role as a forum for exchanges of political information between Europe and North Ameri-

Business

Stewart legal bills: Imprisoned homemaking mogul Martha Stewart has asked the company she founded, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc., to reimburse her for \$3.7 million in legal bills.

The company disclosed the request in a

regulatory filing Tuesday.

The \$3.7 million figure applies to Stewart's defense on a single criminal count. A federal judge threw out that count before it went to a jury.

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Keen Sword '05 forges ahead at Iwakuni

BY GREG TYLER

Stare and Strings

Keen Sword 2005, the eighth joint bilateral training exercise since 1986 involving the U.S. military and the Japan Self-De fense Forces, is now in progress

A segment held at Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station was to start Wednesday, even as the base prepares for the upcoming Active Shield exercise beginning Nov. 30, military officials said Tuesday.

Iwakuni's segment of Keen Sword 2005, which ends Nov. 19, involves the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force and units from the Okinawa-based III Marine Expeditionary Force, said Capt. Stewart Upton, base spokesman.

"Keen Sword 2005 is to increase the defensive readiness of Japanese and American forces in the air, land and at sea, and to improve skills needed to operate together. he said.

Keen Sword 2005 training also is taking place at other facilities in Japan, said Capt. Richelle Dowdell, U.S. Forces Japan spokes-

"It's a joint bilateral training held bienni-

ally at both United States and Japan Self-De-fense Force facilities," she said. A joint exercise involves two or more services from one country, while bilateral refers to the particination of two nations

The annual Keen Edge/Keen Sword drills alternate between Keen Sword, a field-training exercise staged in odd fiscal years, and Keen Edge, a command-nost exercise held in even fiscal years, according to a previous USFJ report. Fiscal year 2005 began Oct. 1.

Some of the exercise training deals with dissimilar aircraft, noncombatant evacuabase and force security. search-and-seizure and tactical airdrops using C-130 airplanes.

"Keen Sword is the name of the overarching exercise" and each service has its own component and exercises with its JSDF counterpart, Dowdell said.

"Search-and-recovery training is planned at Iwakuni," Dowdell said, "And there will be some flying at Yokota and Misawa air bases and Japan's Hiyakuri Air Base, a NEO (noncombatant evacuation) from Atsugi Naval Air Facility to Japan's Tsuiki Air Base and ground training involving the U.S. Army and Japan at Iwate JGSDF base.



VAL GEMPIS/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

A C-130 "Hercules" aircraft from 36th Airlift Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan, takes off Wednesday for a mission during exercise Keen Sword 2005 at Yokota.

Lt. Gen. Thomas Waskow, the USFJ and 5th Air Force commander, and Gen. Yuji Fujinawa, chairman of the Japan Joint Staff Council will direct the evercise

Meanwhile, starting Nov. 30 Iwakuni is ost to Active Shield, an exercise in its second year. It will involve about 100 servicemembers from the Janan Ground Self-Defense Force and "about 90 U.S. Marines from Iwakuni's Provost Marshal's Office

"Bad Santa"

and Explosive Ordnance Division," Iwakun

"The individual bases participate at various times during the year in Active Shield," Dowdell said

A similar evercise was held in Hiroshima Prefecture in September and involved about 70 members of the JGSDF 13th Brigade based in Kaita, in Hiroshima Prefecture, and about 20 U.S. military personnel They trained to guard three U.S. military fa-

"We are not releasing specific training scenarios at this time, but it will involve practice in patrolling and general guard and protect requirements using blank ammuni-

are looking forward to it," Upton said. "We're happy about doing it because it makes everyone involved feel more confident in carrying out these types of operations if needed?

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Sasebo Navy League buys movies for deployed crews

By GREG TYLER Stars and Stripes

SASERO NAVAL BASE Japan Elizabeth Baker, recalling years of enjoyment watching holi day-themed movies during the Christmas season, had a bright idea recently for enhancing the holidays for Sasebo's deployed sailors

The Sasebo Navy League Council, including Baker, voted to spend about \$500 to buy 30 movies — 10 per ship in the Essex Amphibious Ready Group. The council directed online bookseller Barnes&Noble com to mail the movies directly to the USS Essey USS Juneau and USS Harpers

Purple Heart presentation

Her husband, Lt. Greg Baker of the Commander Task Force 76 staff, is deployed with the ships. Initially, she thought of sending him holiday movies. Then she hmadened her thinking

"The whole idea behind the Navy League Council is to support our fleet sailors, and this year most of them from Sasebo are deployed, including my hussaid Elizabeth Baker, a Navy College administrator.

The Essex ARG is patrolling waters near Iraq; the group will not return before 2005, officials have indicated.

"As a way of supporting the fleet, I thought about sending holiday movies to the ships, and how that could also make their holidays more enjoyable," she said Wednesday

A local donor who asked to remain anonymous also pitched in several cases of hard candy. Life Savers, peanuts and popcorn to make the servicemembers' movie experience a little more like home. Baker said the donated snacks represent a contribution in the thousands

"We tried to include a variety of movies so there would be some thing for the different tastes of the sailors." Baker said

Movies purchased include "A Christmas Story," "Scrooged,"
"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," "Eight Crazy Nights,"

nior Airman Jacob Harrington, 730th Air Mobility Squad-

ron (airman); Staff Sgt. Samuel Vanderbogart, 613th Con-

tingency Response Group, Detachment 1 (NCO); Master Sgt. Bryan Colbert, 730th Air Mobility Squadron (senior

NCO); and Capt. Melissa Parent, Headquarters, U.S. Forc-

Staff Sgt. LaKeisha Marks of the 374th Logistics Readi-

ness Squadron was chosen the quarter's top honor guards-

man, while Teresa Negley of the American Red Cross was

"The Santa Clause," "The Santa Clause II," "A Christmas Carol," 'Stealing Christmas," "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and

Sasebo Navy League Council President Jerry Havens wrote commanders of the deployed ships suggesting the movies and snacks could be part of "a movie marathon event over the ship's

site TV on or around Christmas."
The CTF-76 staff is doing everything possible to get the snack items to the ships before the holidays, said Capt, Alan Moore, dep-

uty commander. "This is just a wonderful initiative by the Navy League," he said Wednesday. "I am sure it will be near and

serving on the front lines of the war on terrorism." E-mail Greg Tyler at: tylerg@pstripes.osd.mil dear to the hearts of the crews,

spokesman Upton said.
"It will also involve the JGSDF 13th Bri-

gade and 46th Infantry Regiment," he said. Active Shield is a series of exercises designed to support the Japan Self-Defense

cilities, including an ammunition depot in Edajima, said JGSDF officials.

tion," Upton said. Iwakuni's Active Shield training ends Dec. 2.

and also to their families, who can

now know their deployed loved

ones are experiencing some holi-

day enjoyment. It's very good for morale."

can do to ameliorate the hard-

ships the men and women on the

ships are enduring during this

protracted cruise. But we want

them to know how much they are

cerned for their safety and we anxiously look forward to the day

when they return home to Sasebo.

"This is also a way to express our thanks to them for service to our nation," he added, "and for

appreciated, that we are

Havens said, "There is little we

Oklahoma Day free lunch buffet

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Oklahoma residents who show their state driver's licenses will receive a complimentary Oriental Lunch Buffet at the Enlisted Club on Tuesday. The offer is available to club members only.

Call DSN 227-8820 for more information.

named volunteer of the quarter. Shrine sale Saturday

es Japan (company-grade officer)

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — A shrine sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Yujo Recreation

More than 15 vendors are to offer traditional Japanese crafts, dolls, household goods and small furniture items. Call DSN 225-3308 for more information.

Design Festa trip Sunday

arts. Some works may be purchased.

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — A trip to the fall Design Festa, among the biggest art events in Japan, is set for Sunday, a 374th Services Division official said.

The showcase, at Tokyo Big Sight, traditionally attracts a slew of international artists. It features exhibits of clothing, jewelry, paintings, sculpture, video and performing

Those interested in the \$15-per-person trip may sign up at Yokota's Skills Development Center. Call DSN 225-3308 for more information.

Holiday costume rentals

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan - Outdoor Recreation is offering Christmas costume rentals, base officials said. Suits may be reserved up to 30 days in advance.

Prices are \$10 a day for Santa, or for Mrs. Claus in a

long dress, and \$7 a day for an elf or Mrs. Claus in a short Call Outdoor Recreation at DSN 225-4552 for more infor-

From staff reports

Clarification

A story in Wednesday's edition about more than 25 Marines caught violating the Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station liberty regulations should have specified that 11 are from Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron. A public nonjudicial punishment session applied to those Marines. "We're not sure what sort of punishment the other commands imposed," said Master Sgt. Lesli Coakley, a base spokeswoman.

Monday's presentation ceremony is to start at 10 a.m. The Purple Heart is a presidential citation awarded to It was established on April 5, 1917.

his leg, back and chest

any servicemember wounded or killed in the line of duty. Yokota honorees YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan - The 374th Airlift Wing recently announced its quarterly award winners.

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Senior Airman Kevin Murphy of the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron will receive

the Purple Heart on Monday at a ceremony in the Enlisted

Murphy, a heating, ventilation and air-conditioning spe

cialist who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom last spring,

was wounded in a rocket attack June 16 in front of the nost exchange at Balad Air Base, Iraq. He suffered injuries to

Sent to Iraq May 24, he joined Balad's 332nd Expedition-

ary Civil Engineer Squadron, playing an integral role in-

stalling, maintaining and repairing much-needed air-con

ditioning units as troops battled 120-degree temperatures.

Honorees (categories in parentheses) include: Senior Airman Justin Smith, 374th Contracting Squadron (air man); Staff Sgt. Anna Dunker, 374th Maintenance Squadron (noncommissioned officer); Master Sgt. Michael Paquin, 374th Logistics Readiness Squadron (senior NCO); and Capt. Timothy Thurston II, 36th Airlift Squadron (company-grade officer).

The wing's tenant unit quarterly award winners were Se-

evacuating

Ivory Coast BY PAULINE BAX The Associated Press

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — France and the United Nations on Wednesday began evacuating thousands of French and other expatriates trapped at homes, U.N. offices and a French military base during days of anti-French rampages

in the West African nation. The first flight of what were expected to be days of shuttles to Europe and neighboring African countries pulled off the tarmac at Wednesday afternoon, an Air France Boeing 777 carrying 240 evacuees to Paris.

As state television aired fiery calls to mobilize against the French. French troops combed Ivory Coast's largest city to rescue foreigners for evacuation, sending boats to pluck some French off the banks of Abidjan-

In Paris, France's Cabinet ap-proved a decree requisitioning commercial aircraft to carry out French citizens in what was shaping up as one of the largest evacuations from Africa since the independence era.

France alone expected to fly out between 4,000 to 8,000 of its citizens from across Ivory Coast, a French official said potentially the majority of the 14,000 French still in the former French colony

"It is on a voluntary basis. We are not going to evacuate all our French citizens because they are too many," the official said, speaking on condition of

Violence erupted in Ivory Coast on Saturday after government warplanes killed nine French peacekeepers and an American aid worker in an air-

strike on the rebel-held north. The turmoil has claimed at least 27 lives and wounded more than 900

Foreigners Arafat funeral plans speed up

BY LARA SUKHTIAN

The Associated Press

CLAMART, France - A top Islamic cleric read passages from the Quran at Yasser Arafat's hospital bedside Wednesday, with the comatose Palestinian leader in what an aide called the "final phase" of

The Palestinian foreign minister, Nabil Shaath, said the 75-year-old Arafat is suffering from kidney and liver failure.

Arafat's brain is working only partially because of bleeding, and all his organs except for heart and lungs "are not functioning well," Shaath said in Ramallah, West

As Arafat's condition deteriorate ed, aides made plans to fly his body to Cairo for a funeral, then to his Ramallah headquarters.

The Muslim cleric, Taisser Bayod Tamimi, rushed to Paris to be with the Palestinian leader, who in critical condition at the Percy Military Training Hospital, con nected to a respirator and a feed-

Tamimi said life support machines would not be turned off "as long as there are signs of life in the body of the president."

"It is prohibited in Islam." he said The Palestinian

envoy to The Palestman envoy to France, Leila Shahid, told France-Info that Arafat was "in a deep coma" Wednesday, but added there was a "complication in the state of all of his vital or-

Arafat: A constant figure through the decades

Yasser Arafat has led the Palestinian people for nearly four decades and is the only leader most of them have ever known. Since his creation of the Fatah guerrilla movement in 1965 - which later became the core group of the Palestinian Liberation Organization - the world has seen him in various guises as terrorist, exile, statesman and peacemaker.

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At a news conference in Ramallah late Tuesday, Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat said doctors were trying to relieve bleeding from a severe brain hemor-

Palestinian leaders, meanwhile, decided that when the time comes. they would bury Arafat at his sandbagged West Bank headquarters, known as the Muqata, in Ramallah, and turn it into a shrine, defusing a potential conflict with Israel by dropping a demand for a Jerusalem burial. The Israeli Cabinet approved that plan Wednesday.

Israel had been pushing for a

Gaza burial, but the Palestinians wanted Jerusalem. Palestinians see Arafat's Ramallah headquar-- his virtual prison for the last three years — as a symbol of his resistance. In Ramallah, bulldozers pushed aside rubble and hauled away piles of wrecked cars to prepare the compound for Arafat's burial.

Palestinian leaders accepted an offer from Egypt to host the main funeral service in Cairo before Arafat is buried in Ramallah.

AP writer Mohammed Daraghmeh in Ramallah, West Bank, contributed to

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Parliament speaker set to become temporary leader

RAMALLAH, West Bank - Palestinian leaders decided Wednesday that Parliament Speaker Rauhi Fattouh will take over as temporary Palestinian Authority president after Yasser Arafat's death, despite concern that the bland former backbencher would not be up to the job

Fattouh, 55, was born in the village of Burka, in what is now Israel, and grew up in the Rafah refugee camp in Gaza. He left Gaza for studies abroad in the 1960s, joined Fatah in 1968 and returned from exile in 1994, along with Arafat and other Palestinian officials.

In the first Palestinian general elections in 1996, he was elected to the parliament on a Fatah slate. In 2003, he was appointed agriculture minister, and a year later was chosen speaker, replacing Qureia who became prime minister. Fattouh is a midlevel Fatah activist, and did not rise to prominence in parliament. He was chosen as speaker as a compromise candidate.

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Hostage in Philippines is released

BY OLIVER TEVES The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines -Italian aid worker abducted in the southern Philippines was released unharmed early Wednesafter Muslim separatist rebels reportedly helped authori-

ties corner his kidnappers. Andrea Cianferoni, 29, seized Tuesday by four hooded gunmen outside Kauswagan town in Lanao del Norte province, said he was uncertain how his kidnappers were persuaded to release

him He said no ransom was paid and his freedom was the result of the "wonderful cooperation between the local government, the Philippine marines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front," the country's main Muslim separatist

group. "Everything went well. I'm fine. I want to reassure everyone back in Italy that everything is OK," Cianferoni told reporters in Manila

President Gloria Macapagal Arrovo said Cianferoni's quick release is "good evidence of the good prospects for lasting peace" with the separatist MILF, which operates in the area where he was kidnapped.

"One of the reasons why we were able to get the kidnap victim so soon was that the kidnappers could not bring the victim to any of the so-called MILF strong-holds," she added.

Local marine commander Col. Ben Dolorfino said by phone from southern Cagayan de Oro city that Muslim religious leaders and local officials helped negoti-

ate his release. Muslim rebels, who have been observing a cease-fire and have entered peace talks with the government, also helped by going after the kidnappers, he said.

Officials identified two of the four kidnappers, who abandoned Cianferoni and fled. Lt. Gen. Efren Abu, the military's chief of staff, told reporters in Manila: "They are bandits and members

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Italian hostage Andrea Cianferoni arrives at Manila's airport on Wednesday after being released unharmed by Muslim separatist rebels in the Philippines.

of a kidnap-for-ransom group in

Cianferoni, a native of Florence, had been overseeing projects such as the construction of village roads and health centers for the European Union-funded non-governmental organiza-

tion Movimondo Cianferoni, who spoke earlier to a reporter at Cagayan de Oro airport before boarding a flight to Manila, said he was not harmed and that he avoided angering the kidnappers

"I was very obedient." he said. He said he and his abductors slept under coconut trees in the hills near Kauswagan, and took shelter in an abandoned hut when

it rained.

He said he planned to meet with Italian diplomats to assess his organization's work on Mind-

anao, the main southern island. Movimondo said earlier that Cianferoni made a 30-second phone call to the agency's office in southern Iligan city hours after he was snatched to say the abductors were demanding a \$5,400 ran-

A local official said Cianferoni had visited the village of Delabayan, outside Kauswagan, with two Filipino colleagues when they were taken. The two Filipinos were later freed with instructions to ask for ransom. They reported the incident to police

Japan seeks ID of unknown submarine seen off Okinawa

BY MARI YAMAGUCHI The Associated Press

TOKYO - Japan's navy went on alert Wednesday when an unidentified submarine made a brief incursion into the country's southern waters near Okinawa

The submarine left Japanese waters shortly after it was spotted and a reconnaissance aircraft and destroyer were monitoring its movements Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda said. Tokyo also was trying to determine

where the vessel came from. If the submarine's origin is identified, Japan will take "necessary steps," Hosoda said, without

elaborating Japan's public broadcaster NHK said defense officials were investigating a possible link between the sub sighting and Chinese military vessels detected recently in Japan's southern wa-

"It's regrettable," Prime Minis-ter Junichiro Koizumi told reporters. "It's certainly not a good thing that a submarine of unknown national origin enters our territorial waters."

Kvodo News quoted unidentified defense officials as saying

that the vessel may be a Chinese nuclear submarine

Hosoda said it was too early to comment on those reports.

"We have yet to reach the stage where we can make a definite conclusion." he said.

A P3C reconnaissance plane confirmed that the submarine had entered Japanese territorial waters near the Sakishima islands in southern Okinawa prefecture. Hosoda said.

After exiting Japanese territo-ry, the aircraft followed the submarine as it cruised international waters on an indeterminate route that did not appear to be straight, Hosoda said

Defense chief Yoshinori Ono "issued a maritime alert order" and an emergency task force was set up at the prime minister's office, Hosoda said.

The alert order allows the military to inspect ships and force ships to stop or change course. It also allows the military to use weapons in self-defense

If the submarine tries to re-enter Japanese waters, Ja-pan's Maritime Self-Defense Force can order it to surface and identify itself. Hosoda said

Defense officials confirmed that two Chinese military vessels - a submarine rescue vessel and a towing vessel - were snotted between Friday and Monday in waters 200 miles southeast of Ja-

pan's Tanegashima island. Officials, however, refused to comment on a possible link between the two incidents.

Janan has been considering ways to boost its maritime defenses after a gunbattle with a suspected North Korean spy ship in December 2001.

that incident. Japanese Coast Guard patrol boats sank the suspected spy ship off southwest-ern Japan. The patrol vessels returned fire only after the ship, ordered to stop, opened fire with a rocket and guns

Territorial disputes have occasionally flared up between Japan and its neighbors, China and South Korea, including one that has deepened in recent months with Beijing due to competing claims over natural gas deposits in the East China Sea.

Top ruling party official Shinzo Abe called the infiltration a "very serious matter" and urged the military to use its abilities to determine where the submarine was

Winner emerges in first round of Ukraine election

BY ANNA MELNICHUK The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine - Reformist opposition candidate Viktor Yushchenko edged Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych in the first round of Ukraine's presidential vote, the Central Elections Commission said Wednesday after a delayed final tally.

The final count was announced 10 days after the Oct. 31 balloting, a delay that raised questions about problems that could undermine public trust in the count of the Nov 21 runoff ballot

Yushchenko claimed "a moral victory" and said "it is important that the first round is over despite all the falsifications and the interference.

His representative at the elections commission, Yury Klitchkovsky, said "many unanswered questions remain ... we still don't believe this was an objective result."

Yanukovych ally Stepan Havrysh accused the op position of "efficient manipulations and technical falsifications

They have stolen our victory," Havrysh said. Later. Yanukovych said he would appear in a televised debate with Yushchenko, reversing an earlier decision

Earlier counts had shown Yanukovych narrowly ahead, but the final results put Yushchenko about 0.5 percentage points in front, with 39.87 percent of vote. The results included only 97 percent of the ballots - nearly 3 percent were rejected after they were found to have had "grave voting irregulari-ties." commission chairman Serhiv Kivalov said.

Among those ballots were about 150,000 from the Kirovohrad region where voting was marred by numerous reports of violations including men storming polling stations and seizing ballot boxes

A first-round victory would have required one of the 24 candidates to receive more than 50 percent of



Opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko smiles during a telephone conversation as he was told he won the first round of the presidential election in Kiev, Ukraine, on Wednesday.

The "foot-dragging of the Central Election Commission testifies how difficult it was for them (authorities) to recognize defeat." said Oleksandr Lytyynenko, an analyst from the Kiev-based Razumkov Institute.

The delay in announcing results had been controversial because Ukrainian law prevents sec-ond-round campaigning until a final first-round count is announced. The delay kept the two candidates from lobbying the 22 other candidates who divided up the rest of the vote for support.

Yushchenko has secured backing from a top Socialist leader, who got nearly 6 percent of the vote, and three other minor candidates.

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New rule allows 120 days of leave to be carried over

Effective immediately, change affects all branches

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER

Stars and Strines

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain - U.S. servicemembers on the front lines are getting a break on their growing leave time

A new Defense Department rule lets military personnel carry over 120 days of leave - 30 days more than previously allowed - across fiscal years. The new regulation, which went into effect less than two weeks ago, applies to all branches

The Navy put out a memo Oct. 29 explaining the change

"This is a good opportunity to the sailor that they don't lose the leave that they've earned," said Lt. j.g. Kyle Raines, a spokesman for the Navy's Chief of Naval Personnel in Washington, D.C. "It recognizes the arduous duty and the operational commitment that they're under.'

American troops have deployed often in the last three years, making it difficult for some to

take all the time off they have on the books. There are about 150,000 troops in Iraq and about 20,000 soldiers in Afghanistan. In addition, the Navy has dispatched ships on short-notice deploy ments in the past year

Servicemembers with too much leave can get into a use-or-lose situation if they continue accumulating time off without taking a break. Troops

earn 30 days of leave each year Eligible personnel who want to carry their leave to the next fiscal year must request it from their command. Requests must be submitted no later than the end of the first quarter of the follow-

ing fiscal year. Military members must keep an eye on their leave so that they can make the request, if they

choose, officials warn. The onus is on the sailor to let the command know this," said Lt. Spencer Cook, assistant for military pay and compensation, chief of naval

personnel

First Lt. Megan Schafer, from left, Staff Sgt, Antwain Wright and Master Sgt. Scott Wagers wear different combinations of the new physical training uniform. The uniform will be issued to airmen in Southwest Asia first and phased into the rest of the force over the next three years.

Deployed airmen first to receive new PT uniform

By LISA BURGESS Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. - The first airmen to get the Air Force's new physical training uniform will be deployed airmen at the 11 fixed bases within U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility, including some in Iraq, according to Air Force officials.

Air Force chief of staff Gen. John Jumper announced a new fitness standard for the Air Force in July 2003, and promised a new PT uniform to go with that standard, since the Air Force was the only service without standardized workout gear.

After a year of wear-testing by 300 airmen. Air Force leaders ap proved this fall the final design of the unisex uniform, which includes dark blue shorts, a gray T-shirt, and a matching two-piece dark blue nylon running suit with a reflective Air Force logo on the jacket.

The service has yet to set a mandatory wear date for the PT uni-

The first shipment of the PT uniforms is on its way to the 18,000 airmen deployed to Southwest Asia who fall under U.S. Central Command Air Forces, or CENTAF, according to 1st Lt. Gary Arasin, a CENTAF spokes man at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

CENTAF is the Air Force branch of CENTCOM, the U.S. command responsible for the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The reason deployed airmen are getting the PT gear first is because CENTAF's commander. Lt. Gen. Buck Buchanan, said in June that any airman deployed to an Air Force installation in Southwest Asia would be allowed to wear just one of two outfits: desert camouflage uniforms or workout garb, Arasin said.

Limiting and standardizing the clothing airmen could take on deployments, Buchanan wrote in the policy letter at the time, would "portray a positive military image and ... protect the per-sonnel assigned to this com-

However, because airmen are still allowed to wear whatever they wish to work out in, "people were bringing an entire wardrobe [of athletic gear on deployments] or bringing stuff that was inappropriate, like cut-off" shorts, Arasin said. Some of the clothing was so grungy "that it would be questionable here" in the United States, Arasin said, "and it was completely out of line in a foreign coun-

So "the best way to remedy the situation was to provide PT gear, that has already been approved by Air Force leaders as modest and appropriate. Arasin said.

Buchanan provided for that so lution back in June, saying in his letter that as soon as the official PT uniform was approved, it would be the standard for airmen deployed to CENTCOM.

After approving the PT design, Air Force leaders gave manufacturers the orders to start outfitting CENTAF's deployed personnel. The first shipment of the new PT uniforms went out at the beginning of October, and should start arriving at the 11 unnamed fixed bases at forward locations in mid-November, Arasin said.

Go to www.af.mil/news/wear_policy.pdf for guidelines on wearing the new PT uniform.

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VFW holding online auctions to raise funds for scholarships

BY LISA BURGESS Stare and Strings

ARLINGTON, Va. - The Veterans of Foreign Wars is holding an online auction to raise money for scholarships for the children and grandchildren of veterans and the items up for grabs are a far cry from the usual gift baskets offered during fund-raisers. The auction, which is open

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football autographed by the Kansas City Chiefs' star running back Priest Holmes, meanwhile, has bidding that starts at \$250. But there were no bidders as of early Wednesday.

For people whose pockets may not be quite so deep, there is a 2003 New England Patriots Conference champs T-shirt, with bidding beginning at \$20. Again, no bidders vet as of Wednesday. But not all the items are

sports-related: the auction has a

"Lord of the Rings" DVD, auto-

graphed by Sean Astin, the actor who played Hobbit Samwise Gamgee, with bids at \$100 on Wednesday. The auction is also offering David McCullough's biography

of former President John Adams, autographed by the now-deceased author, with the bid as of Wednesday at \$100. The three Veteran's Tribute

Scholarships are earmarked for children and grandchildren, ages 16 to 18, of all branches, including active duty, Reserves and National Guard, and are worth \$3,000, \$5,000 or \$10,000 The winners will be chosen based on personal academic achievement, family VFW involvement and their parent's or grandparent's military service.

The deadline for applying for the scholarships is Dec. 31.

To access the auction site, go to http://members.ebay.com/ws2/eBayISA-PI.dll?ViewUserPage&userid=vfwone For more information on scholarships

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U.S. forces control 70 percent of Fallujah

Most insurgents believed gone; 'hostage slaughterhouses' found

BY EDWARD HARRIS The Associated Press

FALLUJAH, Iraq - U.S. forces cornered insurgents Wednesday in a narrow strip of Fallujah after a stunningly swift advance that seized control of 70 percent of the seized control of /0 percent of the militant stronghold. An Iraqi gener-al said troops found "hostage slaughterhouses" where foreign captives had been killed.

The abandoned houses had hos-tages' documents, CDs showing captives being killed, and black clothing worn by militants in vid-eos, Maj. Gen. Abdul Qader Mo-

hammed Jassem Mohan said. But it appeared none of the at least nine foreigners still in kidnap pers' hands — including two Americans — were found. Mohan said he did not know which hostages' documents were uncovered.

The speed of the U.S. drive in Fallujah may indicate that most Sunni fighters and their leaders abandoned the city before the of fensive and moved elsewhere to carry on the fight, officers said.

The most notorious kidnapper Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, is believed to have fled the city.

Al-Jazeera television broadcast a videotape Wednesday with a militant group claiming to have captured 20 Iraqi soldiers in Fallujah

Men wearing Iraqi uniforms were shown with their backs to the camera. A masked militant read a statement on the tape, but the Oatar-based station did not carry the audio.

The station said the militants promised not to kill the prisoners shown on the tape but threatened to kill others captured in the fu-ture. The videotape showed armed men pointing rifles toward men wearing Iraqi National Guard uni-forms. The faces of the uniformed

men were not visible Mohan, the head of the 2,000 Iraqi troops involved in Fallujah, said insurgents were still trying to escape encirclement. People were seen trying to swim across the Eu-phrates River, Mohan said at a press conference alongside Lt. Gen. John F. Sattler, the command-

ing general of the 1st Marine Expe ditionary Force. Many of the remaining fighters have asked to surrender, govern-ment spokesman Thair al-Naqeeb told reporters. He said Iraqi au-thorities "will extend amnesty" to those who have not committed major crimes.

Mohan vowed to finish uproot ing Sunni gunmen, pointing to guerrilla slayings of Iraqi security forces in the past. "For this, the Iraqi armed forces don't want revenge, but they want to get rid of insurgents, the evil, the murderers,

Armed men kidnapped three rel-atives of Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi - his cousin, the cous in's wife and their daughter-in-law from their Baghdad home Tues day night, al-Naqeeb said. A mili-tant group calling itself Ansar al-Jihad claimed in a Web posting to be holding them threatened to behead them in 48 hours unless the Falluiah siege is lifted. The claim's authenticity could not be

Insurgent violence sharpened across central and northern Iraq on Wednesday, with at least 18 peo-ple killed in fighting Wednesday, including a U.S. soldier and a foreign contractor. Authorities clamped an immediate curfew on the northern city of Mosul as U.S. and Iraqi forces clashed with gunmen there. Fierce fighting also took place in Baghdad, to the south and in Ramadi, a Sunni stronghold where explosions shook the city as

troops and gunmen battled near the main government build-Still IIS and Iragi troops were pushing ahead in Fallujah

Maj. Francis Piccoli, of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, said U.S. forces now control 70 percent of the city and had pushed insurgents into a narrow section flanking the main east-west highway bisecting the city.

At least 71 militants have been killed as of the beginning of the third day of intense urban combat, the military said. As of Tuesday night, 10 U.S. troops and two mem-bers of the Iraqi security forces were reported killed. Marine re-ports Wednesday said 25 Ameri-can troops and 16 Iraqi soldiers were wounded.

Lt. Gen. Thomas Metz, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, said Tues day he believed the most wanted militant leader, al-Zarqawi, had es-caped Fallujah. He predicted "sev-eral more days of tough urban fighting" in the city. As Metz did on Tuesday, Sattler

refused to confirm how many U.S. or Iraqi troops have died during the Falluiah operation, saving only "they would be catalogued as light at this time.

"I want to wait a few more days before we let the enemy know how ineffective, or possible effective, their tactics have been," Sattler

said.

If reports that most gunmen fled the city are true, it indicated that while the new offensive may cost the insurgency its strongest bastion, the fighters will seek to continue their campaign of violence else-

In Mosul, the curfew came after a series of clashes including two at-tacks against American military convoys, U.S. Capt. Angela Bow-man said. A foreign contractor was killed in one of the attacks, Bow-

man said, without giving details. In Baghdad — where Allawi this week imposed a nighttime curfew for the first time in a year — a car bomb exploded, targeting a police patrol in the eastern Zaytouna neighborhood. Ten people were killed and 15 others wounded, police officer Qahtan Jumaygh said.

Six people were killed and four others wounded during clashes between U.S. soldiers and insur-gents in Latifiyah, south of Baghdad. A bomb killed six Iraqi soldiers in northern Iraa

A U.S. soldier was killed and another wounded by a roadside bomb north of Baghdad on Wednesday, and another was killed by a gun attack on a patrol in Baghdad, the military said. At 14 Americans have been killed in attacks outside Fallujah

Contributing to this report were Star. Contributing to this report were Stars and Stripes' Lisa Burgess, Associated Press writers Jim Krane near Fallujah; and Tini Tran, Sameer N. Yacoub, Mar am Fam, Sabah Jerges, Katarina Krato vac and Maggle Michael in Baghdad.



Refugees from Fallujah, Iraq, reach a U.S. Marine checkpoint Wednesday on the outskirts of the city. Resi dents reported heavy clashes and artillery shelling in the Jolan and Jumhuriya neighborhoods, along the central highway. Dead bodies lay on the streets of Jumhuriya, with dogs hovering around them, witnesses said. Residents said they were running out of food in a city that had its electricity cut two days ago.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

As of Tuesday, at least 1,145 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 877 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures in-

clude three military civilians.

The AP count is six higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. Tues-

The British military has reported 74 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Es-tonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia

Since May 1, 2003, when Presi-dent Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,007 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 768 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's

have reported one death each

The latest deaths reported by the military: ■ Two soldiers were killed

Tuesday in a mortar attack in Mosul, Iraq.

■ Three soldiers were killed Tuesday in combat in Fallujah.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Marine Staff Sgt. David G. Ries, 29, Clark, Wash.; killed Monday when his vehicle hit an explosive west of Falluiah: assigned to the Marine Corps Reserve, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Group, Portland, Ore.

■ Army Spc. Quoc Binh Tran 26, Mission Viejo, Calif.; killed Sunday when an explosive detonated near his convoy in Bagh-dad; assigned to the National Guard, 181st Support Battalion, San Bernardino, Calif.

■ Army Spc. Bryan L. Free man, 31, Lumberton, N.J.; killed Monday when he came under fire while searching a vehicle in

dad; assigned to the 443rd Civil Affairs Battalion, Army Reserve, Warwick, R.I.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Jeffi Lam, 22, New York; died Mon-day after a nonhostile vehicle accident in Anbar province, Iraq; assigned to the Marine Corps Reserve, 6th Communications Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Group New York

Army Staff Sgt. Clinton Lee Wisdom, 39, Atchison, Kan., and Army Spc. Don A. Clary, 21, Troy, Kan.; killed Monday when a car bomb detonated near their convoy in Baghdad; assigned to the National Guard, Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 130th Field Artil-lery, Horton, Kan.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Branden
P. Ramey, 22, Belvidere, Ill., Marine Cpl. Nathaniel T. Hammond, 24, Tulsa, Okla., and Marine Lance Cpl. Shane K.
O'Donnell, 24, DeForest, Wis.; killed Monday in Babil province, Irag: assigned to the Marine Corps Reserve, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Ma-rine Division, Chicago.



Insurgents seen fleeing Fallujah prior to attack

BY JIM KRANE The Associated Press

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq - The rapid U.S. advance into Fallujah may be coming at the expense of one of the operation's chief goals: to capture or kill as many insurgents as possible.

Military reports show that small bands of guerrillas, with no more than 15 members each, fled the city in the days and weeks before the U.S. onslaught — which was widely telegraphed by public statements and media reports.

"That's probably why we've been able to move as fast as we have," one officer from the Army's 1st Cavalry Division, who asked not to be named, said Wednesday.

Insurgencies typically succeed by avoiding face-to-face battles with stronger military forces. Instead, they harass troops by attacking their weak points. The guerrillas who fled Falluiah may simply be repositioning themselves to con tinue the fight elsewhere, the offic-

The development may mean the world's most powerful army is chasing a smaller band of rebels than previously thought. Before the assault, the 1st Cavalry estimated 1.200 guerrillas were holed up inside the city, with as many as 2,000 more in nearby towns and villages. It is still unclear how many are left inside or have been killed.

U.S. military leaders, including Marine Mai, Gen. Richard Natonski, and Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi long telegraphed the news that the Fallujah assault was imminent, and insurgents inside the city were able to learn of U.S. troops arriving from elsewhere in Iraq to take positions around the city.

"We gave them so much fair warning that the only ones who stayed had a death wish," the offic-



An armored U.S. military vehicle passes near a burning oil pipeline on the outskirts of Fallujah, Iraq, on Wednesday. Insurgents set off the fire using rocket-propelled grenades Tuesday night.

There have been unconfirmed reports that two top guerrilla leaders. Sheik Abdullah al-Janabi and Omar Hadid, have been killed.

But the officer said prominent rebel leaders and fighters are thought to have fled the city, leaving behind defenders willing to fight to the death.

Planners of the assault wanted to prevent a repeat of April's failed Marine siege on Fallujah, where rebels left the city to mount at-

tacks on U.S. bases outside the city and were able to resupply themselves with manpower and weap-

This time, planners brought in the 1st Cavalry's 2nd Brigade, which cut bridges and choked off routes into and out of the city, trapping fighters inside. The brigade is also chasing insurgents outside Fallujah who are attacking U.S. bases and checknoints.

There is little evidence that shows guerrillas who fled the city are now mounting attacks on U.S. bases or supply lines, the officer said. Instead. attacks have cropped up in Baghdad and elsewhere, he said

Fallujah's defenses have crum-bled faster than U.S. analysts prepared for, with resistance lighter than expected. Intelligence shows fighters' defenses in disarray, command and control networks broken down, with bands of three to five guerrillas fighting for self-preservation rather than as part of a larger force.



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Taking the city, while allaving Phantom fears

BY ROBERT H. REID

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Fighting is fierce, or maybe it's not, in "Operation Phantom Fury," or perhaps "Operation Al-Fajr," which was launched this week to wrest control of Fallujah from Iraqi insurgents - or maybe foreign terror-

Politics and military necessity have produced widely different pictures of the fighting in Fallujah, which began in earnest Monday night when about 6,500 U.S. soldiers and Marines and an estimated 2,000 Iraqi troops stormed into the insurgent sanctuary.

Anxious to avoid a repeat of the failed siege of the city in April, the U.S. command has thrown about three times as many troops into the fight this time, along with an array of sophisticated weaponry that includes tanks, artillery, AC-130 gunships, attack helicopters and jets.

The fighting in Falluiah, however, presents a major dilemma for the interim Iraqi government, anxious to win legitimacy among the country's nearly 26 million people and to prepare for elections by the

end of January. On the one hand, the government cannot tolerate a situation where a city of 300,000, which sits astride major land routes to Jordan and Syria, is in the hands of gunmen believed responsible for car bombings, kidnappings and be-

However, the Iraqi government does not want to appear as "collaborators" with an American force bombarding a Sunni Arab city at a time when the Sunni minority feels threatened by its longtime Shiite rivals. Some, perhaps many, Iraqi Sunnis consider Fallujah the symbol of Iraqi resistance to foreign domination

Hence, Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, a Shiite, has gone out of his way to present the fight for Fallujah as a largely Iraqi operation with the Americans playing a supporting role.

Before the battle, American officers privately estimated there were up to 5,000 insurgents in Fallujah - 80 percent of them Iraqis and the rest foreign fighters. Iraqi officials have portrayed the percentage as close to the reverse, with masses of foreign fighters supported by Saddam Hussein loyalists and criminals

When the operation against Fallujah began, the U.S. military referred to it as "Operation Phantom Fury." The Iraqis called it "Operation Al-Fajr," or Dawn, emblematic of a new day for Fallujah's peo-

U.S. commanders and staff officers running the operation said they'd never heard of "Operation until the top U.S. commander here, Gen. George Casey, picked up on the term. From then on, "Phantom Fury" vanished.

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On Veterans Day, memorials provide comfort to families of Iraq war dead

BY CHELSEA J. CARTER

The Associated Press

Gregg Garvey sat on his porch, clutching a photograph of his son and trying to come to terms with the news the 23-year-old soldier was killed in an ambush in Iraq. The father sat for hours, his cheeks wet with tears, staring at a flagpole in the yard of his Keystone Heights, Fla., home. He the overwhelming grief, and how many other parents had the same empty feeling.

empty teeling. Slowly, an image began to come to him, the image of a monument at the base of the flagpole. Then it became clearer: It was a statue of a field cross — a soldier's helmet atop a downturned M-16. He could see his son's name, Army Sgt, Justin "Hobbie" Garvey, on it. Then he could see more monuments with more names.

"I just looked at the picture of Hobie," recalls the 50-year-old father, "and said, 'Hobie, we've got a lot of work to do.' "

As the country honors its military men and women this Veteran's Day, for many it will be a time to recall the ultimate sacrifice of the more than 1,100 troops killed in Iraq. Across the country, communities, friends and family members like Greg Garvey are creat-

ing scores of special memorials.

There are streets, buildings, even a ship and a mountain peak renamed for fallen soldiers.

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In honor of his son, killed July
20, 2003, near Tal Afar, Iraq,
Gregg Garvey has pledged to
erect a bronze field cross statue in
the hometown of every soldier
killed in Iraq.

To date, Garvey's project, www.lesttheybeforgotten.com, has raised enough money through donations and the sales of flags for seven statues, at a cost of \$7,500

"Everybody deals with grief their own way. I'm not going to



dwell on what could have been. My son would not have wanted me to feel sorry for myself," Garvey

"It's going to work. I just hit 50

years old. My grandfather just turned 100 this year. I have another 50 years to get this done."

Across the country, other new memorials appear in varied types Gregg Garvey of Keystone Heights, Fla., looks at the Iraq war field cross he created after his 23-year-old son Army Sgt. Justin "Hoble" Carvey was killed in the conflict in July 2003. Garave's goal is to erect bronze field crosses in the hometown of every servicemember killed in Iraq. To date, he has raised enough money through donations and the sales of flags for seven statues at a cost of \$7,500 each.

and stir deep feelings.

In Dartmouth, Mass., outside the town hall, officials dedicated a black granite bench inscribed with the name of Army Sgt. Peter Enos, who was killed in April 2003 in Bayji when his patrol vehicle was hit by a rocket-propelled gre-

Deborah Enos, 59, and her husband, Gerald, attended the dedication of the bench.

"I've been back once or twice," the mother said. "It just brings sadness right now. I know the town did it with the best of intentions... But it's too much for us right now. "We don't know how to go

through it. We do a moment at a time."

She knows one day she will be able to visit the bench without

she knows one day sine will be able to visit the bench without such an overwhelming sense of loss. But for now, she's content to know her son's friends and other family members go there.

"They sit there and they remem-

ber him, and it means a lot to them." Enos said.





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IN THE STATES

Bush taps Gonzales as Ashcroft successor

Ashcroft seeks to overturn state's assisted suicide law

The Associated Desc

SALEM, Ore. — Attorney General John Ashcroft is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to set aside the state's — and nation's only — assisted-suicide law.

Gov. Ted Kulongoski argued Tuesday that Oregon voters have twice endorsed the right of terminally ill patients to die more quickly and that "it's past time for this administration to focus on ways to work with Oregon — not against us."

Ashcroft's challenge had been expected since May, when a lower court ruled the federal government could not punish Oregon doctors who prescribed lethal doses of federally controlled drugs.

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The government waited until Tuesday, the final day possible, to

file paperwork at the high court.

Orgon's law, known as the Death With Dignity Act, lets patients with less than six months to live request a lethal dose of drugs after two doctors confirm the diagnosis and determine the person's mental competence to make the request.

Since 1998 more than 170 people have used Oregon's assisted suicide law to end their lives. The Bush administration has argued that assisted suicide is not a "legitimate medical purpose" and that doctors take an oath to heal patients, not help them die.

The Supreme Court probably will decide early next year whether

BY SCOTT LINDLAW

WASHINGTON — President Bush named White House counsel Alberto Gonzales as attorney general on Wednesday, picking the administration's most prominent Hispanic for a highly visible post in the war on terror.

"His sharp intellect and sound judgment have helped shape our policies in the war on terror," Bush said of the man who has served as the White House's top lawver over

the past four years.

In an announcement in the Roosevelt Room of the White House, Bush outlined Gonazles' personal story — a boy who grew up in a family of eight children in a two-bedroom house in Texas — and now is in line for a Cabinet

If confirmed by the Senate, the 49-year-old Texan would become the first Hispanic to hold the job as the nation's top law enforcement of-

Even before the formal announcement, one Senate Democratic liberal welcomed the appoint-

ment of "someone less polarizing" to the position. "We will have to review his record very carefully, but I can tell you already he's a better candidate than John Ashcroft," said Sen. Charles Schumer. D-N.Y.

Ashcroft announced his resignation on Tuesday, along with Commerce Secretary Don Evans, a Texas friend of the president's. Gonzales, 49, has long been ru-

Gonzales, 49, has long been rumored as a leading candidate for a Supreme Court vacancy if one develops. Speculation increased after Chief Justice William Rehnquist announced he has thyroid cancer.

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Gonzales' career has been
linked with Bush for at least a decade, serving as general counsel
when Bush was governor of Texas,
and then as secretary of state and
as a justice on the Texas Supreme

Gonzales has been at the center of developing Bush's positions on balancing civil liberties with waging the war on terrorism — opening the White House counsel to the same line of criticism that has

dogged Ashcroft.
For instance, Gonzales publicly defended the administration's policy — essentially repudiated by the Supreme Court and now being fought out in the lower courts — of detaining certain terrorism suspects for extended periods without

access to lawvers or courts.

He also wrote a controversial February 2002 memo in which Bush claimed the right to waive anti-torture law and international treaties providing protections to prisoners of war. That position drew fire from human right groups, saying it helped lead to the type of abuses uncovered in the Abu Ghraib prison scandar.

The American Civil Liberties Union said it expected the Senate to closely examine those issues during confirmation hearings. The ACLU said it had no position on Gonzales, but added: "Particular attention should be devoted to exploring Mr. Gonzales' proposed policies on the constitutionality of the Patriot Act, the Guantanamo Bay detentions, the designation of United

States citizens as enemy combatants and reproductive rights."

Some conservatives also have quietly questioned Gonzales' credentials on core



social issues.

And he once was a partner in a

Houston law firm which represented the scandal-ridden energy giant

Enron shifting him to Justice would create a vacancy in the White House counsel's office. Bush advisers said two people would be naturals for the job. One is White House staff secretary Brett Kavanaugh, a lawyer who has been waiting nearly 16 months for confirmation on the influential U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. He was also a top lawyer in two cases that dogged the Clinton White House. As associate independent counsel under Kenneth Starr, he worked on both the long-running Whitewater case and the 1998 Clinton impeachment case.

Harriet Miers, a deputy chief of staff who was once Bush's personal lawyer, would be another candidate, one Bush adviser said.

Asherof championed many of the most controversial government actions following the Sept. II at tacks, most notably the USA Patriot Act. It holstered FBI surveil lance powers, increased use of material witness warrants to hold supports incommunicato for months. When there was a break in a terror case, he was the man at the lector soberly informing the American records.



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Federal Reserve boosts interest rates

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve boosted a key short-term interest rate by one-quarter percentage point Wednesday, the fourth increase this year.

It's part of a credit tightening campaign to bring rates back up to more normal levels now that the U.S. economy's recovery from the 2001 recession is more deeply rooted. Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his Federal Open Market Committee colleagues — the group that sets interest rate policy in the United States — increased the target for the federal funds rate to 2 percent from 1.75 percent.

The funds rate is the interest banks charge each other on overnight

loans and is the Fed's primary tool for influencing economic activity.

Court rules DUI not enough to deport immigrant

WASHINGTON — A drunken driving accident is not a "crime of violence" allowing the government to deport a permanent resident, the Supreme Court ruled Tuesday in the first of three cases this term delineating the rights of immigrants.

In an 11-page opinion by ailing Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, the court ruled unanimously in favor of Josue Leocal, a Florida man who challenged his deportation to Haiti in 2002 after pleading guilty to a felony charge of drunken driving.

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the DUI offense was a "crime of violence" under the immigration statute because he had injured others. Leocal drove through a flashing red light and struck another car, injuring two people in that car.
The Supreme Court disagreed. It said the statute suggests the felony

The Supreme Court disagreed. It said the statute suggests the felony offense must require intent in causing harm — not mere negligence as in Leocal's case — before immigrants are subject to the drastic consequence of deportation.

From The Associated Press

Serial killer on trial for stabbing death

Man who confessed to 13 murders in 1982 now charged in 1979 murder in Michigan

The Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. - Helen Dutcher was "literally butchered alive" in a crime that fit the pattern used by a man who confessed in 1982 to 13 slavings, the lead prosecutor in his murder trial told jurors.

But Coral Eugene Watts' defense attorney told jurors that his client's past admissions shouldn't sway

them to convict him in the 36-year-old's death The jury heard opening statements Tuesday in the trial of Watts, who is charged with murder in the

1979 stabbing death of Dutcher in the Detroit sub-urb of Ferndale. If convicted, Watts, 51, faces a man-

uro of Ferndau. Il convicieu, waits, 31, naces a mair datory life sentence without the possibility of parole. "At the end of this trial, you will leave here a changed person because you will understand that evil can wear a human face," Donna Pendergast, an assistant state attorney general, told jurors in her opening statement.

Pendergast showed the jury photos of the 13 other

women Watts confessed to killing. She said the pros-ecution's main witness, Joseph Foy, who says he saw the killing from his back porch, always has given a consistent description.

rors that the evidence they would hear was full of "inconsistencies and uncertainties." And he suggested that they should acquit Watts despite his confessions in the other slayings, which were expected to he introduced into evidence during the trial.

Watts confessed to the other killings in a deal with Texas prosecutors that allowed him to plead guilty to a lesser charge of burglary with intent to murder if he helped officials solve his crimes. He initially was expected to serve his full 60-year sentence, but mandatory release laws and an appeals ruling lopped more than 35 years off his sentence. He now is set to go free in April 2006.

Jane Montgomery, who came from the Boston area and whose 24-year-old daughter Elizabeth was killed by Watts in Houston in 1981, said watching the trial was no more painful than living with Elizabeth's death.

"It's something that never leaves you," she said outside the courtroom. "You can't say 'How do you feel about hashing it all up again?', there's no such thing. It's always there.



Confessed serial killer Coral Eugene Watts, right, and his attorney Ronald Kaplovitz listen as opening arguments begin in Pontiac, Mich., on Tuesday. Watts is charged with murder in the 1979 stabbing death of Helen Dutcher in Ferndale, a Detroit suburb.

CMA picks Chesney as entertainer of the year

BY JOHN GEROME The Associated Press NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Kenny

Chesney waited 12 years to win a Country Music Association award — but he had less than two minutes to give his acceptance speech

Chesney won album of the year honors Tuesday for "When The Sun Goes Down," and, at the end of the night, received the coveted entertainer of the year award.

Shortly into his speech, music signaled his time was up during the live broadcast. Chesney protested, but the cameras cut away and the show ended.

Chesney was gracious about it afterward. He said he wanted to convey that artists like Conway Twitty and George Strait had inspired him.

"For a kid in East Tennessee ... they made me think there was something else out there for me,' Tim McGraw's "Live Like You

Were Dying" won song of the year and single of the year. Written by Tim Nichols and Wiseman, "Live Like You

Were Dying" spent eight weeks at The song, about living life to its fullest, was special for McGraw, who lost his father, former New York Mets and Philadelphia Phil-

lies relief pitcher Tug McGraw, to cancer in January. Other winners included Keith Urban, Gretchen Wilson, Brad Paisley, Martina McBride and Paisley, Mar Rascal Flatts

"Whiskey Lullaby," a duet recorded by Paisley and Alison



Kenny Chesney displays his awards at the Country Music Association Awards show on Tuesday in Nashville, Tenn.

Krauss, won for musical event of the year and music video of the year. It's a dark tale about a woman who breaks a man's heart, watches him drink himself to death and then is so guilt-stricken that she too "put that bottle to her head and pulled the trigger."

In one of the evening's surprises. Urban won the male vocalist award. He was up against veterans Alan Jackson, George Strait, Tohy Keith and Chesney

"I thought I was just rounding out the category," Urban said. Keith had six nominations for the Country Music Association awards, but he was shut out for

the second straight year. "I have the worst record in the history of the CMA," Keith said recently

Jackson, who led all nominees for the ceremony with seven, also left empty-handed.

McBride won female vocalist of the year, her fourth in that category and third in a row.

Concerns aired over runway safety

WASHINGTON - Controllers at Los Angeles International Airport were stunned this summer when an arriving jumbo jet narrowly missed a domestic flight cleared to take off on the same runway, a reconstruction showed Tuesday.

"That was close!" said an unidentified voice on the tower radio frequency, seconds after an Asiana Airlines Boeing 747, arriving from South Korea, roared over a Southwest Airlines Boeing 737 preparing to depart for Albuquerque on Aug. 19, according to tapes released by the National Transportation Safety Board.

Such potentially catastrophic incidents are not being fully reported to the Federal Aviation Administration, safety board members warned during Tuesday's NTSB hearing. The board said its staff found out about the LAX incident

not from the FAA

"The fact that this high-visibility close call was not reported suggests there are deeper reporting problems," board member Deborah A.P. Hersman said.

The risk of runway collisions is considered to be the biggest safety problem facing commercial aviation as the number of flights returns to the levels seen before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Board members and staff investigators said they doubted the FAA's assurance that the nation's runways were slowly but surely growing safer.

"We believe the numbers [of serious incidents] are down because of a lack of reporting," said Sandy Rowlett, the NTSB investigator who looked into the Los Angeles incident. She said the board vas aware of two other recent in-

from the Southwest Airlines pilot, cidents at the Cincinnati and Baltimore airnorts

The NTSB has called for development of a cockpit warning system that would alert pilots when a runway was occupied by another

The FAA relies on radar that warns controllers in the tower, requiring additional time to alert pi-

FAA spokeswoman Laura Brown said the agency had scheduled a meeting with the safety board early next month to discuss the risk of runway accidents. She cautioned that there were no easy solutions

"The board is looking for a silver bullet," Brown said. "There are some technical challenges.

She also said serious incidents were being reported. "We don't believe there is a reporting problem with serious incidents,"



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'Pleasure-blocker' pill may aid weight loss

By Marilynn Marchione

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The biggest test yet of an experimental pill that promises to help people lose weight and stop smoking found that it helped people not only lose weight but also keep it off for two years longer than any other diet drug Cholesterol and other health measures improved, too.

The impressive results from a study of more than 3,000 obese people were presented at a medical conference Tuesday, capping months of anticipation about the new drug, Acomplia, made by the French pharmaceutical firm Sanofi-Aventis.

Doctors called the research exciting and the company, which funded the study, thinks the drug could have blockbuster potential similar to cholesterol-lowering sta-

In a study of 3,040 obese people through-out the United States and Canada, those given the higher of two doses of the drug lost more than 5 percent of their initial body weight, and a third of them lost more

Those who stopped taking the pill in the second year of the study regained most of what they had lost, suggesting that people might have to take the drug indefinitely to maintain a lower weight

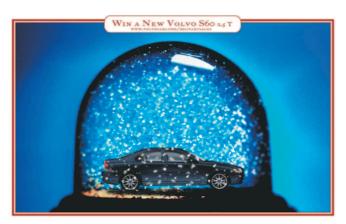
About two-thirds of American adults are overweight or obese, raising their risk of everything from cancer and cardiovascular disease to sore joints and snoring. About a fourth of American adults smoke, which brings many of the same woes

Drugs now on the market either are de-

signed for short-term use or have distaste ful side effects like bowel problems that make many shy away from them

Acomplia's maker thinks it will avoid those problems by attacking obesity in a novel way, and plans to seek federal approval for it next year.

It is the first diet drug aimed at blocking the "pleasure center" of the brain and interfering with the cycle of craving and satisfaction that drives many compulsive behaviors and addictions.



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Study: Older overweight women at risk for leukemia

BY STEVE KARNOWSKI The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS - New search has found a higher risk of leukemia among older overweight women, offering another piece of evidence that carrying extra pounds can increase your

chance of getting cancer.
University of Minnesota re-searchers concluded that being overweight or obese could more than double an older woman's slight risk of getting acute myelogenous leukemia. AML, one of the deadliest leukemias, accounts for about one-third of the 33,000 leukemia cases diagnosed annually in the United States.

Earlier studies have linked ex-cessive weight with higher risks for cancers of the colon, breast, uterus, kidney and some other organs. The new study adds one more cancer to the list, said the lead author, Julia A. Ross, an epidemiologist with the University of Minnesota Cancer Center.

The study, published in the No-vember issue of Cancer Epidemi-ology, Biomarkers & Prevention, found that the risk for AML was 90 percent higher among women 55 and older who are overweight, meaning they have a body-mass index of 25 to 29. BMI is a measure of body fat based on height and weight. The risk was as much as 140 percent higher among obese women in this age group those with a BMI of 30 or more

Because the study didn't ad-dress just how excessive weight might contribute to AML, it doesn't prove that losing weight will reduce the risk, said Alan Kinneburgh, senior vice president for research at the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. It's possible instead that the same genes contributing to obesity might also contribute to the risk for leukemia, Kinneburgh said.

Ross and the other researchers studied data from the Iowa Women's Health Study, a large-scale project that gathered data from over 40,000 Iowa women ages 55 to 69 from 1986-2001. Among the 37,000 women who were can-37,000 women who were can-cer-free at the start of the study, 200 developed various types of leukemia, including 74 cases of AML and 88 cases of the slower developing chronic lymphocytic leukemia.

The data suggested that about 30 percent of AML cases in older women might be linked to being overweight or obese, Ross said.

Role leads Preston to reflect on family

BY LUAINE LEE

Scripps Howard News Service

elly Preston started her day at 5:30 a.m. with a yogurt and fruit drink sweetened with honey. She had 20 minutes before the hair and makeup people arrived to pretty her up for a day of interviews that began at 8 a m

Not that she needs much improvement. At 42 Preston is as beautiful as the day she married John Travolta 13 years ago. Now the mother of 12-year-old Jett and Ella, 4, Preston says she focuses most on parent-hood, though she continues to act sporadically, including her role in the new comedy film "Eulogy

"That [parenthood] will change you forever. I don't care if you've given birth four or five times already it's just so magnifi-cent and magical and life altering. . . . It brings so much to every other aspect of your life it also puts your priorities in such great shape," she says.

Family members and their effect on each other are on her mind as she talks about "Eulogy," a comic tale about a dysfunctional family that collides when the

stars in the new come-dy film "Eulogy." patriarch dies. Preston plays the black sheep, of sorts, a lesbian who brings her

Actress Kelly Preston

life partner home with her. Preston says her own family had its share of eccentrics. "My grandfather, be-fore he passed away, he liked the young women, so he had a nurse that was very young and [he] still had this feistiness about him. And just trying to keep him in line was always a chore," she says.

She confesses she was nervous when she met Travolta's family for the first time — much more fearful when he met hers. "I was more nervous to have Johnny meet my family because my family has

lots of characters going on so I was nervous about that.
"But he fit right in, and he danced with my grandmother, and she was tickled. So

Preston grew up in Hawaii, living for a

year in Iraq and then relocating to Australia when her parents divorced

That was a tumultuous time for her, she "My brother was 6 ... I was about 13. I

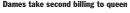
le to handle it much more than my brother was. That was very pivotal. We moved to Australia because friends of ours from Australia came to a party my mother was having in Hawaii. They said, 'Get out of Hawaii, take a break, come stay with us in Australia and bring the kids.' We ended up living there for two years. So that was completely pivotal expe-

"For me in one way, I was OK with the separation of my parents because they were unhappy being together and they were happier being apart, so it was easier on us kids and we still got to see my dad. He actually moved to Australia to be closer to us. So that was wonderful and my parents remained friends throughout the

As for acting, "I ended up just falling As nor acting, "I ended up Just failing into it," she shrugs, "and being interested by it when I was about 15 in Hawaii and a photograph was sent and I was sent for a screen test here for 'Blue Lagoon,' obviously I didn't get it. But I started doing a lot of commercials back in Hawaii and I thought. This is fun and interesting' and got bitten by the bug."

Married briefly before and the one-time sweetheart of George Clooney and Charlie Sheen, Preston is convinced she's realized

The secret to keeping a family functional, she says, is "kindness and editing and ont' just say whatever comes to your mind because it can be nasty and vicious. Brutal honesty is not always kind and it's not always asked for or warranted."



It was more regal than most movie premieres - two dames and the queen were in attendance at a showing of "Ladies in Lavender" in Leicester Square in London.

Dame Judi Dench and Dame Maggie Smith, both 69 and co-stars of the film, were given second billing Monday as Queen Elizabeth II was the guest of honor.

Proceeds from the event went to the Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund, of which the queen has been patron for 52 years.

Dench and Smith, who have previously appeared together in "A Room With a View" and "Tea With Mussolini," portray two spinsters in a post-World War II Cornish fishing village who take in a mysterious young Polish man they find half-drowned on a beach. Dench said she enjoyed the ease of working with Smith again

"It's the shorthand that we get to know." she said.

Tommy Lee enjoying his school days

Former Motley Crue drummer Tommy Lee said he's finding his experience at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to be a lot of work.

In a news conference Sunday, Lee said he loves horticulture, but finds chemistry to be unbelievably hard.

Another shock: Learning he had to wake at 6 a.m. to be at Memorial Stadium for drum practice with school's band.

"This is the total fish-out-of-water experience for me," Lee said. "I didn't have the opportunity to go to college. I was busy touring since the age of 17. So this is completely strange and bizarre, but a lot of fun and a lot of work."

Lee, 42, is attending classes and activities during the filming of an NBC reality show. "Tommy Lee Goes to College." Filming began in

"It's the real deal," Lee said of his studies.



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Bargain hunting online

Discount site allows shoppers to compare prices on Web

BY DON OLDENBURG The Washington Post

With the holidays ahead, some consumers will begin shifting their attention to finding bargains. Andrew Moss is counting

"The focus the first couple of months will be on shoppers shopping for gifts," says Moss, founder and CEO of Cairo, an online site launched last week that searches out items on sale at the stores nearest you - wherever

you are nationwide. Cairo's concept trades on the growing trend of shoppers researching purchases online be-fore buying from local retailers. A study by the Dieringer Research Group, a business strategy consultant, reported last onth that spending on off-line purchases made by consumers who conducted online research totaled \$180.7 billion a year and is growing faster than online pur-chases, which totaled \$106.5 bil-

Calling "cross-channel shopping" the "new wave of com-merce." Forrester Research. which tracks business and tech-nology markets, reported in September that 65 percent of online consumers were researching products online before buying them off-line. Forty-eight percent said the main reason was that they wanted to see the product before buying it.

"It's really just about making you a much smarter shopper and saving you a lot of time and money," says Moss.

Moss designed Cairo to give consumers easy online access to the "richness of information out there" so they can save "usually 30 to 40 percent discount from the retail price.'

Shoppers key in their ZIP code or city name at Cairo.com, then search for local store sales by specific item, product category, brand, merchant or price range. Click "search" and it collects sales information from the online and local newspaper ads of up to 26 retailers, depending on your location, including Best Buy, Circuit City, Kmart, Target, Kohl's, Home Depot, Lowe's, Sears, Staples and Toys R Us. Results can be sorted by relevance, price or distance to

Cairo product manager Tamara Pattison says the site is named to conjure up an image of "a marketplace with lots of products, vendors and price points (where) shoppers can find anything they need at the price they

Shoppers willing to register at Cairo (requiring name, address and e-mail) can use several additional consumer-friendly fea-tures. The site provides rebates and price guarantees offered by

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stores and manufacturers on items you buy. It e-mails you alerts if a product you want goes on sale or its price drops. It lets you compare sale prices with online retailer prices. And it tracks advertised sale prices on a guaranteed-price item you've bought and alerts you if it sells for less at another store and you're owed

Cairo isn't the first online bargain engine. There are dozens of price-comparison Web sites ncluding Google's Froogle, BizRate and America Online's In-Store, which was launched in September. But they aren't localized to brick-and-mortar sales, and they aren't all sale-focused.

As for local-focused shoppers online, ShopLocal, which opened for business in August, arches sales primarily from the online circulars published by its parent company, Cross Media Services, and SalesCircular locates sale-priced items by state only.

Cairo differs because its services aren't tied to its business relationships. Instead, it is modeled after the Google design that separates advertising on the right-hand column from its own

"Our search results are not influenced in any way by advertising or pay placement," Moss says. "The search result you see will be absolutely the best for the consumer.'

Flaming Honda CR-V freaks out new owner

Dear Tom and Ray: I was pretty freaked out recentto learn that more than 20 003-04 Honda CR-Vs had 2003-04 Honda CR-Vs had caught fire after their first oil change. I own a 2003. I called my dealership, and the service manager gave me a story about fly-by-night oil-change places and basically patted me on the head and told me not to worry. This begs the question of owners who change their own oil. I went in for my second oil change and had a chat with the manager. It disap-

pointing, because he said he had never heard of this problem! I

wasn't happy and told him that I felt scared and that if anything ever happened to myself or my family, I would sue his dealership and Honda. He told me that he didn't want a customer like me and offered to buy me out (at a fair price). I spent a lot of time researching cars before I bought the CR-V. It's not a perfect car (gas mileage/road noise), but it is comfortable and easy to drive. What do you think I should do?

Thanks - Mel RAY: Geez, I just assumed that those fires were due to Honda's factory gas-grill option.

TOM: It's a tough one, Mel. Here's what's happened so far: The fires have been reported in 2003 and 2004 Honda CR-Vs. And they seem to happen immediately after oil changes.

RAY: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration the folks who can order recalls looked into it last spring. And they agreed with Honda that the problem was sloppy mechanics. Honda says that every CR-V fire had a "double gasket" on the oil filter - which means that the mechanic didn't remove the old oil-filter gasket (the rubber seal) before installing a new one - al-though NHTSA's own reports also cite cases where improperly installed (pinched or distorted) gaskets led to fires.

TOM: In either case, that allows the filter to drip oil onto the hot exhaust system while the car is run ning, when the exhaust is at its hottest, and ... voilà, flaming Honda!

RAY: So NHTSA closed its investigation. And Honda, for its part, agreed to warn all of its technicians about this potential problem, and insist that they be extra careful when replacing oil filters on CR-Vs. Problem solved, right?

TOM: Well, unfortunately, even after Honda sent out this dire warning, NHTSA continued to get complaints about flaming Hondas. Why? Well, perhaps technicians Honda's efforts — didn't get the

message. RAY: Perhaps there are lots of non-Honda technicians at gas stations and independent shops who just heard haven't

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the broiled char CR-Vs TOM:

perhaps the simple jobs like oil changes are left to kids who are working part time after school and are distracted by the latest plot twist on "The O.C." RAY: In any case, NHTSA has

wisely reopened the investiga-tion. That makes sense to us. The real problem, in our opinion, is most likely either a flaw in the filter design, or that the hot exhaust is just a little too close to the oil filter on this car.

TOM: A true idiot-proof solu-tion (this happens to be my area of expertise!) would require shielding the exhaust so the oil COULDN'T drip on it.

RAY: But if and until that hanens, Mel, you have to be very care ful. You have to either discuss this with your mechanic before every inge to make sure he remen bers, or you have to dump the car

and get something else.

TOM: If the dealer gave you a fair offer for it. I wouldn't blame you if you dump it. For most peo-ple, the prospect of your car going up in flames is not a worry

you need to add to your life. RAY: We'll let you know what comes from NHTSA's reopened investigation. But meanwhile, those with 2003 and 2004 CR-Vs need to be sure that anyone changing the oil is fully aware of this problem, and how to prevent it. And it wouldn't be a bad idea to keep a bag of marshmallows in the cargo area, just in case, Mel. That way, you'll be prepared to make the best of a bad situation.

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ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Car rental deals

Regular travelers know that rental car pricing can be about as confounding as deciphering the federal tax code in 7-point type - a good deal in one market is an

absolute abomination in another. Yet, with a bit of research effort and patience, this task can be simplified dramatically using your telephone and the Internet. according to TravelSmart, a newsletter published in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.

Start at a major volume travel site, which shows a wide range of companies and results at a glance.

Next, head to the individual company site to see what they're offering on price.

Also, if you don't have to get the car at an airport, see what the cost would be elsewhere in town - it's often lower.

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Rule unfair to foreign nationals

I am thrilled to read that III'S Forces Korea commander Gen. Leon J.1 LaPorte is against "behavior which is dehumanizing, demoralizing" ("LaPorte: USFK committed to sex-trade ban," news article, Nov. 8, Korea edition). Now let's see the military extend his commendable attitude to the dehumanizing, demoralizing and discriminatory policy on marriage to foreign nationals. That policy is not based in any current law but is a vestige of a post-World War II occupation policy treated Japanese and Korean women as probable prostitutes.

Consider the requirements of the policy — medical and criminal background checks - which women in the United States do not have to suffer (even resident aliens aren't put through this drill, although the policy states they should be). How is that not dehumanizing and demoralizing?

And, no it's not an issue of immigration. The policy itself makes that clear. The Battlefield Combat Identification System gets none of the "marriage package" created by the military.

What about it, Gen. LaPorte? Isn't it time to chuck the paternalistic and racist mind-set of the 1940s?

William J. McGruder Dixon, Calif.

No flights means no rights

All the military retirees living on Okina wa and mainland Japan are being de-prived of rights that they earned by serving 20 years to the U.S. government. As of Oct. 1, retirees no longer rate flights to the United States to receive required medical care. The medevac still is offered to all full-time military.

I am 100 percent disabled and I spend my life in a wheelchair. I don't ever remember reading anything in my contract that indicated that I may lose my medical

> Curtis G. Bringley Yanahuru, Okinawa

Soldiers should be punished

This is in response to the Oct 20 article "Expert: Army not likely to punish GIs for rejecting assignment" ("Expert says Army not likely to punish Quartermaster troops," Korea edition): The whole situation disgusts me. The fabric of the military would crumble if no punishment is handed down to those soldiers. We cannot expect to win the war on terrorism if we do not have total faith in those leaders appointed over us. There is no reason for a soldier to refuse an order. These soldiers say they had a reason, but I say they had an excuse.

The soldiers involved in this incident should receive the most severe punishment the military can hand down. If noth-

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ing is done, a precedent will be set from which the military will never recover. Imagine a military where the soldiers do not have to do what they are told

Sgt. Sean Venckus Victory Rase Iraa

Flag patch in wrong place

I agree wholeheartedly with the Nov. 5 letter "Flag patch is wrong," about the placement of the flag on the uniform sleeve and that it shouldn't be placed below another patch.

When I first heard that all soldiers would wear the flag regardless of duty station, I assumed the regulations would be changed and that the flag would not be moved from the top of the sleeve. Perhaps the people who make the decisions on these matters simply overlooked this matter. I think the obvious fix to this question is long past due and that the responsible agency should announce a change im-mediately. The flag should be restored to its rightful place of honor.

Sgt. 1st Class Les Kolden Logistical Support Area Adder, Iraq

Policy won't let CIB change

There has been much discussion recently concerning who deserves to be awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge. The purpose of this letter is to neither advocate a position on this subject nor propose alternate badges to recognize soldiers who do not qualify, but to give the real reason the CIB will, under current law, never be awarded to anyone other than an infantryman. The reason. dare I say, has to do with sex.

Army Regulation 600-13, Army Policy for the Assignment of Female Soldiers states the following: "The Army's assignment policy for female soldiers allows women to serve in any officer or enlisted

specialty or position except in those specialties, positions, or units (battalion size or smaller) which are assigned a routine mission to engage in direct combat, or which collocate routinely with units assigned a direct combat mission.

The Marine Corps has had the creed "Every Marine is a rifleman." The Army, as a consequence of the emerging nonlinear nature of current and future battlefields now instills the same mind-set in its soldiers.

The global war on terror requires units with traditional support roles to engage in more active missions that routinely bring them in direct contact with the enemy, Artillery, air defense, armor and other formations have left traditional roles and equipment behind to conduct operations indistinguishable from those of infantry units. Cooks, clerks and mechanics gear up for patrols. Convoys bristle with weapons, carried by soldiers trained not to just survive an encounter, but take the fight to the enemy and defeat him

A great number of these combat soldiers are women.

To loosen the criteria for awarding the CIB, or create other, equivalent devices, would necessarily require an end to the charade that women are serving only in specialties, positions or units that, as expressed by the will of the people through USC Title 10 and implemented by the secretary of the Army by regulation and policv. are expressly prohibited.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Kenneth C. Jensen Hanau, Germany

Finally, no more 'undecideds'

The votes are tabulated, the election is over and, thankfully, we won't have to hear the phrase "undecided voters" anymore — at least for the next three-plus years. Early in the campaign I wondered about them, who they were, and how much courage it took to stand and say, "I can't make up my mind" or "I don't have enough information."

My friend, Jimmy, is an undecided voter. But he has had a decision problem most of his life. He was locked in the commissary once - they found him standing in front of the produce rack talking to himself because he couldn't decide whether to buy McIntosh or Delicious apples.

I suspect that most of the undecideds have such a malady. Deciding to make a decision is not easy. There is always more information available. But if guys like Jimmy would spend more time awake than sleeping or dozing, they might know which way to run, which fruit to choose, which candidate to vote for.

Conservative or liberal, the extensive coverage, biased and unbiased, covered us like a New England snowstorm wherever we went. Thank God, it's all over.

Bud Colegrove Heidelberg, Germany

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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OPINION

Excessive gloating is certainly off message

BY KATHLEEN PARKER Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel

s President Bush gallons into a sec. ond term astride his favorite steed, "Mandate," it's hard to sup press the urge to holler: "Whoa, Hos

Confidence is good; conviction is fine; cocksure is even tolerable for a day or two But hubris, as most second-term presidents and a host of fallen kings will attest, is nearly always fatal. It offends the gods.

Bush's first foray into the winner's circle following the Nov. 2 election was something shy of humble and had even supporters squirming. At a press conference, he responded to questions about what he intends to do by saying he was going to spend his political capital

"I earned capital in the campaign," he said, "and now I intend to spend it. Well all right then.

As questioning continued. Bush was prickly with a couple of reporters who asked sev eral questions within one, as they typically do. In the first instance, the question(s) went like this: "Mr President thank you As you look at your second term, how much is the war in Iraq going to cost? Do you intend to send more troops or bring troops home? And in the Middle East more broadly, do you agree with Tony Blair that revitalizing the Middle East peace process is the single most pressing political issue facing the world?"

Hardly a malevolent question. Don't we all want to know the answers to those questions? Bush answered: "Now that I've got the will of the people at my back, I'm going to start enforcing the one-question rule. That

Again, Whoa, Hoss, Bush's bristling probably was reflective of nearly four years of repressed anger toward an often-hostile press But the man who owns the most nukes, and in whose name young Americans are dying, can afford to be charitable. Especially to people whose unappreciated job it is to hang on his every syllable, including the extra ones.

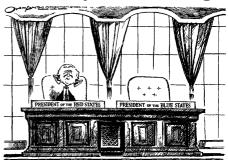
Responding to another three-part question during the same press conference, this time about bringing people together, vis-à-vis a consensus candidate for the Supreme Court or a Democrat on the Cabinet, Bush responded: "Again, you violated the

one-question rule right off the bat. Obvious ly you didn't listen to the will of the people." Republicans have a right to celebrate their hard-won victory. And if George W. can leap for joy clicking his heels, he should.

In private. Remove the spurs first. In public, however, it would serve Bush well to remember that though 51 percent of voters may have issued a mandate. 48 percent or so begged to differ. And among those who cast their ballots in the red zone — as in red "Bush" states and regions — were a good many who voted without enthusiasm.

I'm not suggesting that Bush should go out of his way to make nice. Most of those who voted for Bush probably would applaud him if he sent the networks - among the lead dogs at press conferences who sit up front and always are called upon - to the back wall, never to be heard from again.

Given Bush's history with the current cron of reporters four or five of whom insisted that he admit to mistakes during one recent press conference, it's easy to understand his urge to hurl a brushback pitch



their way - high and inside

Nevertheless, Bush has an opportunity to be recorded as a great president, a historic figure, if he doesn't squander what remains of American good will. Don't laugh. If he succeeds in Iraq and Afghanistan; if a Palestinian state evolves and Middle East peace gets a toehold: if Osama bin Laden and al-Oaida are extinguished: if no more terrorist attacks occur on U.S. soil; if he makes strides toward balancing the budget, growing the economy, saving Social Security and improving education - and, oh, by the way, rescuing the continent of Africa from the AIDS pandemic - he'll go down as one of history's most brilliant, if accidental, presidents.

Obviously, those are formidable "ifs," but Bush would be easier to root for if he'd jump down off that high horse. People can forgive honest mistakes — failed presidential policies are not rare — but few find it easy to forgive a had winner

Without a crystal ball, we may not be able to predict the outcome of the next four years, but we know this much about human nature: Pride usually goeth before a fall. We can afford neither.

Democrats dug in their heels, but voters didn't dig it

BY JAMES K. GLASSMAN

Scripps Howard

ast vear. Georgia Sen. Zell Miller wrote a book called "A National Party No More," warning fellow Democrats that they had lost touch with America and - unless they returned to their pro-growth, strong-defense, values-oriented roots - they were doomed to permanent minority status.

The Democrats didn't listen, Instead, they ostracized Miller, who became the keynote speaker at September's GOP convention.

Miller turned out to be right. George W. Bush won a stunning victory, and Republicans tightened their grip on the House and increased their margin in the Senate. But, incredibly, many Democrats still don't understand what happened. They blame their defeat - which they incorrectly see as narrow on John Kerry's ineptitude as a candidate or the GOP's get-out-the-vote drive

As someone who generally likes Republican policies, I'm faced with a dilemma. Should I give the Democrats serious advice - as Miller did — on how to get back into the political ballgame? Or should I rejoice at their denial and keep my mouth shut? I have searched my conscience and made my choice. So, here are 10 recommendations (with fingers, well, somewhat crossed) on how to save the Democratic Party:

1. Nominate Hillary Rodham Clinton for president in 2008. A Northeastern senator will be a big advantage this time around as Americans tire of Southern hicks. Sure, her negatives are already 44 percent, but Hill-ary will ... get the support of The New York Times - the key to the White House

2. Be honest about the so-called terrorist " As Democratic leaders know, it doesn't exist. If it did, then why hasn't there been another attack on American soil in more than three years? The platform should advocate disbanding the Homeland Security Department and banishing those screeners who make us get to the airport so early

3. Fund a new Michael Moore documentary blowing the lid off religion in America. Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11," hailed by Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle (whoops, soon-to-be former leader), nearly won the election for Kerry. The new movie will mock those kooky "born-agains," rendering them too embarrassed to show up at the polls.

4. Involve Hollywood more. Kerry failed to make enough use of high-IQ stars such as Susan Sarandon, Tim Robbins and Ben Af-fleck. Whoopi Goldberg's brilliant speech at Kerry's Madison Square Garden fund-raiser galvanized America, but she dropped from sight. Use the woman!

5. Two words: "Gun Control." Why didn't

Kerry emphasize gun control more instead of killing geese? Americans hate guns and understand that criminals do not shoot neople, guns do. Ms. Clinton should push for . a repeal of the Second Amendment, that antiquated guarantor of the so-called "right" to hear arms

6. Reinstate the draft. America's military has become far too professionalized. Democrats understand that the best way to fight a modern war is with citizen-soldiers. Also, do not hesitate to criticize our troops, who have botched the job in Iraq.

7. Bring foreigners into the Cabinet. The best way to improve relations with our European allies is to ask them to join the next Democratic administration. Jacques Chirac, for example, may soon retire as president of France Why not ask him to become our next secretary of state? There's nothing in the Constitution that says he can't

8. Make George Soros chairman of the Democratic Party, Sure, it will be difficult to replace a genius like Terry McAuliffe. But Soros is a billionaire with a common touch, a rare ability to connect with Middle America (probably because he's from Mitteleuropa) He cleverly compared Republicans to Nazis and judiciously spent \$24 million of his own money in efforts that came oh-so-close to heating Bush.

9. "Vote or Die." Use P. Diddy's catchy slogan, which turned out hundreds of millions of young first-time voters in 2004, as the main theme of the 2008 campaign

10. Raise taxes across the board. Of course, fleece the rich. That's normal Democratic policy. But lower-income Americans will feel a stronger sense of community if they, too, contribute more to government. ...

Those are only 10 suggestions. I have more for Chairman Soros. He need only ask.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY Hi, It's ME, MAINSTREAM-A LOT OF FOLKS BUT OF MEDIA PERSON ADVOCATE IN "MIDDLE AMERICA" FOR HIE OPPRESSED, REVILED ARE SAYING DOWNTRODDEN WERE DO THEY MAINSTREAM APPOGAN7 OUT-OF-TOUGH ELITISTS"

Carnival catastrophe

BOSTON — The state Department of Public Safety stood by its findings in a fatal carnival accident after the owners of the carnival ride issued a blistering attack, questioning the qualifications of safety officials and calling their performance "dismal"

Jaro Amusements
Inc. released the
statement Sunday in response to
the department's final report on
the Sept. 19 accident at St. Mary's
Parish in Shrewsbury, in which a
car on the Sizzler ride broke
apart in midair, killing one man

and injuring two other people.
Katie Ford, a spokeswoman for
the department, said Monday that
its investigation "thoroughly and
accurately assessed" the accident
and attributed appropriate responsibility for the accident to the
three mechanical problems with
the ride.

Taking their story back

BOLIVIA — Prosecutors threw out charges against a man who served 20 years in prison for the sexual molestation of two girls who recanted their allegations.

The victims, who were 4 and 6 when they made the charges, testified that they falsely accused the man under pressure from their grandmother because she wanted to protect the real abuser—a cousin of the girls.

Sylvester Smith, 53, was serving two consecutive life sentences after being convicted in 1984. At the time, he was the boyfriend of one of the girls' mothers and was living with them.

Prosecutor Rex Gore said he will not pursue charges against the cousin, who was 9 at the time, because he was so young. He is serving a life sentence in state prison for first-degree murder, Gore said.

Fire injures three

HOUSTON — A townhome blaze injured a fire-fighter and at least two residents, authorities say.

Neighbors told law officers

they heard a loud explosion about 4:30 a.m. at the two-story home in southeast Houston. Emergency crews discovered the fire when they responded to the report. A resident was seriously

burned, said firefighters. They said one or two other residents were taken to hospitals for treatment of smoke inhalation.

The injured firefighter suffered less serious burns, according to the Houston Chronicle's online edition.

Taxi killing

FL WEST PALM BEACH — A taxi driver killed a drunken passenger when the man refused to get out of his cab, police said.

Robert Lee Smiley Jr. was charged with first-degree murder and was being held without bail.

The victim, Jimmie Morningstar, became heavily intoxicated at a bar and started a scuffle, and a bouncer paid Smiley \$10 to drive Morningstar home.

Outside Morningstar's home, two witnesses told officers they heard Smiley yelling at Morningstar to get out of the cab, and one saw Smiley try to pull Morning-



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star out, then zap him with a stun gun, a police report said.

Major car troubles

CA SONOMA COUNTY — When Claud Gipson-Reymolds got his fire truck stuck in the mud along a rural road, he did what anyone would naturally do: He called for a tow truck on the engine's radio.

The problem was, the intoxicated Gipson-Reynolds had just stolen the fire truck, crashing through the fire station door, to try to push his car out of the same

mud.

Instead of a tow truck, dispatchers sent the California Highway
Patrol to lock him up.

"I could probably get on that show, 'World's Dumbest Criminals,' "a chastened and sober Gipson-Reynolds, 36, said from his home after bailing out of the jail on charges of vehicle theft and drunken driving."

"I was pretty intoxicated at the time. My thinking was not the best"

'Band-Aid Bandit' back

TAMPA — For nearly three years, the bank robber with the beer gut and the trademark Band-Aid on his left cheek eluded even the most un-

conventional efforts to catch him.
The "Band-Aid Bandit" robbed
33 banks in eight counties but always got away, even as frustrated
authorities distributed remarkably clear surveillance pictures
across the country and promised
a \$25,000 reward for information



Checking things out
An egret twists its long neck to
get to a hard-to-reach spot on the
underside of its wing while
preening at South Beach Marina
on Hilton Head Island, S.C.

leading to his cap-

ture.
Then last fall,
the portly robber
went into sudden hibernation — taking
more than \$300,000 in
stolen cash with him.

But authorities say two recent robberies in Tampa Bay have confirmed that, after a 10-month hiatus, the Bandit is back — and as elu-

10-month hiatus, the Bandit is back — and as elusive as ever.

Ray Velboom, a special agent supervisor for the Florida

agent supervisor for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in Tampa, was in the Panhandle helping with hurricane relief efforts when he heard about the Bandit's return; he hit a Wachovia Bank in Hillsborough County on Sept 21. The second recent robbery happened Oct. 22 at a Capital City Bank in Spring Hill.

Propane: Terror threat?

DENVER—The FBI is investigating the reported thefts of scores of propane cylinders in the Denver area — a crime spree that has raised fears of a terrorist attack.

About 100 cylinders, each containing about 7.8 gallons of the highly flammable gas and weighing about 33 pounds, have been stolen from various businesses since July, FBI agent Monique Kelso said.

"The potential threat is that these propane tanks get into the wrong hands ... and get into the hands of those that are willing to commit a crime on the magnitude of the Oklahoma City bombing or another terrorist attack," Kelso said.

The real Uncle Sam

MASON — Yes, Virginia, there is an Uncle Sam, and he lived in New Hampshire.

But the popular "I want you" image of the bearded old man in the top hat had little to do with the real Samuel Wilson.

Nevertheless, Wilson and his story have intrigued a collector from France, who recently bought the 280-year-old Cape Cod where Wilson lived, Jean-Pierre Mouraux plans to live in the house and turn the barn into a museum for his collection — 350 original posters, 150 pieces of sheet music and various other Under Sam-themed knicktracks.

"Uncle Sam is the most important symbol. To have that, it's incredible," Mouraux, 62, said of the house.

Libertarian accused

PA PHILADELPHIA — A Libertarian who lost a race for Congress last week has been arrested for evading \$87,000 in federal income taxes.

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Arthur L. Farnsworth, 42, had vowed on his Web site that he would "never file an individual federal income tax potum eggin."

federal income-tax return again."

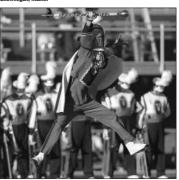
A federal grand jury alleged
the electrical engineer failed to
pay taxes for three years on more
than \$221,000 in income and tried
to conceal his earnings by transferring assets to fraudulent trusts

and overseas bank accounts.
Farnsworth, treasurer of the
Pennsylvania Libertarian Party,
drew fewer than 4,000 votes in his
bid for a seat in the House of Representatives. Republican Michael
Fitzpatrick won the race.



Cycles in the mist

clean his motorcycle after a ride in



Strutting his stuff

Terrance Sykes, a Virginia State University drum major, jumps into the air, signaling the rest of his marching band to come to life, during the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Battlefest 2004.



Just kickin' it

Andy States, 4, passes the time kicking his soccer hall at Turlington field in Raeford, N.C.



Derek Goeman gets up close and personal with Pucker up a 4-year-old bloodhound named Knotty at the West Michigan Harvest Cluster Dog Show in Comstock Park, Mich.



The long road Robert Frank's "U.S. 285. New Mexico, 1956" is part of Nev York's Metropolitan Museum of Art exhibit "Few Are Chosen: Street Photography and the Book 1936-1966."



Rainy day

Illinois State University students walk to and from class near a sculpture at the Science Laboratory building.

Football horror

a football game.

CA VALLEJO — A standout high school football player in Valleio died at John Muir Medical Center after apparently suffering a serious brain injury during

Michael Pennerman, 16, collapsed unconscious on the sidelines at Corbus Field in Vallejo after being tackled during the fourth quarter of a game against Rodriguez High School of Fairfield, according to his family and school officials.

The Jesse Bethel High School junior never regained conscious ness and was treated by medical personnel at the scene before being taken to Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Valleio. He was later transferred to John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek, where he died, said Tish Busselle, spokeswoman for the Vallejo City Unified School District

Stabbing search

BARRE - Police are looking for a man who allegedly stabbed a Williamstown teenag-

Edgar Magoon, 17 of William-stown was stabbed in the chest, police said. Magoon was taken to Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin shortly before 12:30

He was reportedly treated in the hospital's emergency room for a three-inch stab wound and later released.

Police were looking for an 18-year-old man known as "E." The man, who is believed to be from New York, may have ties to the Burlington area, police said.

Fighting for a cause

WINSTON-SALEM - A man exonerated after spending 18 years in prison on a murder conviction has started a nonprofit foundation to help investigate inmates' innocence claims

The Darryl Hunt Project for Freedom and Justice, incorporated in the past week, also will help freed inmates rejoin society.

"I wanted to help other people, to give them a voice, because I know I was fortunate to have people supporting me and speaking up for me," Hunt said. "I was innocent, and I know how hard it is for neonle who are in prison to have voices on the outside to speak up for them."

Hunt was convicted in the 1984 slaving of Deborah Sykes, a newspaper copy editor in Win-ston-Salem. DNA evidence proved in 1994 that Hunt was not the man who had raped Sykes. but he was released only this year, after the evidence led authorities to a new suspect they say acted alone in killing Sykes.

Crash landing

DETROIT — A small plane crashed in a Detroit neighborhood, engulfing at least two houses in flames, and witnesses said construction workers at the scene helped pull two people out of the wreckage of the aircraft

The man and woman were taken to a hospital, where they Stories and photos from wire services

were in serious condition, said Detroit Fire Commissioner Tyrone Scott

Police said nobody on the ground was injured.

The roof of one house was completely burned away, and another house appeared to be nearly gutted by fire. The mangled remains of the two-engine Piper Aztec plane rested on the ground across the street from one of the homes.

The plane went down after taking off from Detroit City Airport and clipping a utility pole, Scott said. The cause of the accident was not immediately known.

Gas line explosion

IVEL — A gas line explod-ed in rural Kentucky, burning four houses and injuring eight people, including an off-duty state trooper who helped others escape, officials said.

There were no immediate reports on what caused the explosion, state Emergency Management Agency spokeswoman Stacy Floden said.

Four people were being evaluated at hospitals in the area, and three others were treated and released

The gas line is owned by Kentucky-West Virginia Gas and maintained by Mark West Hydrocarbon Inc.

Inmate's head crushed

UT DRAPER — An inmate was killed accidentally when his head was crushed in a closing cell door, officials said.

John J. Gardner, 27, was peering out his cell at Utah State Prison when an officer about 150 feet away activated the mechanism that closed the cell doors on the block, the sheriff's department said

The officer was standing behind a wall, where the door mechanism is located, and could not see that Gardner was not completely inside the cell, prison spokesman Jack Ford said.

Ford said when the cell doors are about to be shut, the guard shouts out his intentions and the doors begin closing 10 to 15 secande later

eBay inflation case

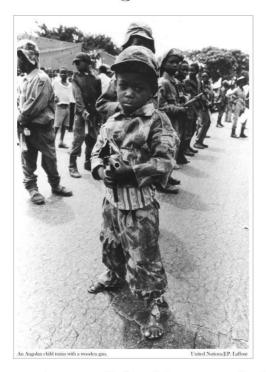
NY ALBANY — Eight eBay sellers were ordered to pay nearly \$90,000 in restitution and fines after admitting they bid up products online to inflate the

New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer said more than 120 neonle will receive restitution in the settlement of the three cases. which wrapped up last week in state courts.

Spokesman Darren Dopp said the cases stemmed from specific complaints, but the office has not conducted a broad investigation of the online auction industry and doesn't know how widespread the practice of phony bidding is.

One buyer, Brad Clarke, 48, of Peachtree City, Ga., already has received a check for \$3,089 after overpaying for a 1999 Jeep Cherokee sport utility vehicle he bought on eBay from a New York seller

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Horoscope

The new moon in Scorpio poses a question about that ongoing per sonal habit you've been struggling with for so long. What if you just accepted that extra tummy roll or your obses

sion with that certain television show as part of who you are? If the prospect of forever living with the flaw scares you, now's the time to do something about it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (November 12). This will be a year of firsts — first marriages for some of you and first children or grandchildren for others, particularly between the months of April and August. Some will travel to Europe for the first time. Others buy your first home or achieve something significant in your career, such as selling a first book. Lucky love

signs are Cancer and Virgo. ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're making up your own definition for the word "commitment." If you've been seeing someone special for a while, you may be thinking

about tying the knot. Watch out for a Sagittarius or Leo who wants to hog the snotlight TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Make a declaration of indepen dence. Relationships that are on shaky ground need someone to make the big decision - why not

you? If you happen to work from home, you can expect a nice bonus to hit your mailbox real soon. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Start your new exercise program. You'll have plenty of energy and

motivation and no trouble finding a personal trainer or workout partner Your creative life will especially benefit from being half of a dynamic

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Relationships deepen as you get lucky in love now. You'll find new qualities to love and admire, and you can bet your counterpart adores the attention. Single crabs find the

fish in the sea they were originally trying to catch. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A

sudden career change could rattle you temporarily, but you'll be back on your feet in no time. Chances

are, your new situation will bring you more money and respect. The spotlight is on you - are you ready for your close-up?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You get noticed on the job, and

people ask for you by name. Positive reviews and excellent **Holiday Mathis** word of mouth put your

services in demand, especially if you work in the arts. Remodeling or redecorating will be cosmically inspired

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your daily routine is constantly

changing, which is good since you get bored easily. At work, you're still trying to get into a comfort-

able groove. Talking to an earthy Taurus, Virgo or Capricorn pal will help keep you grounded.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) There is no better time to launch a new project than right now. You are an absolute dynamo, and everything you touch turns to gold. Even that hottie who seemed so out of your league just a few days ago is putty in your hands.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your living arrangements are due for a change, and some long-distance traveling may be involved. Some of you inquire into a foreign exchange program or teach overseas. Your love of learning must be sated

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're reassessing your commitments, as cosmic energy brings with it a renewed sense of purpose. You've accepted new responsibilities and are wondering now if you should have. Don't doubt your abili-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Work gets really hectic as the year-end push starts to take effect

Watch your health. All this rushing around and eating on the run is bound to take a toll on you. You would be wise to check your choles

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your deep and resounding need to help others and save the world is activated. With the universal gears shifting in your favor, you can combine your two loves and make a profit to boot!

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Boss' healing abilities lacking

Dear Abby: Last summer I was attacked by my boss' dog at work, leaving a nasty scar on my nose. My boss, claiming to be a "healing expert," advised me to avoid a trip to the doctor (as they don't put stitches in one's nose, he said) and to instead let him apply "healing oils" to my face. He said the scar would be Dear Abby

gone within a month T naively heeded his advice. During my remaining time at work, his wife (also my boss and the true owner of the dog) looked after me caringly, always wishing me well on my

healing, swearing genuinely by her husband's talents as a healer. Three months and nine days later, the scar is still there, and on a recent trip to the doctor he informed me that I should have gotten stitches. I now face expensive plastic sur-

gery if I want to be rid of the scar. I am debating whether I should take legal action.

- Downtrodden and Dog-Bitten Dear D&D: It should be as

your employers that the hus-band's "healing powers" failed in your case. Put them on notice that you will be getting a referral to a board-certified plastic surgeon or dermatologist to repair the damage to your face, and

that you expect them or their insurance provid-er to pay the bill. If they give you an argu-ment, consult a lawyer Do not feel guilty. You are the victim. How the "healer" handles this letter will reveal whether he's truly a healer, or just a heel

Dear Abby: Two

months before our wedding, my fiance "Frank," and I called it off. We broke up completely for a while, hoping to resolve some problems before tying the knot. At the time, I had a maid of honor and five bridesmaids, all dearest,

closest friends. Since then we have all graduated, and now, a year after our

I are engaged again.

A few of the girls who were supposed to be in the wedding party have drifted away, and as I plan my upcoming wedding. I'm wondering if I must re-invite every member of the original wedding party. I would prefer a smaller number of attendants, to make it a more special group However, I'm afraid that if I do that, I'll irrevocably damage my dship with some of th girls. I'd appreciate your advice.

— Party-Pruning Bride in Ohio

Dear Party-Pruner: As long as you explain to your girlfriends that you are scaling down the wedding in favor of something smaller and more simple, they should understand and not be offended. Some of them may even be relieved to be off the hook for the dresses, shoes and other expenses that go along with the "honor

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Fiancee too attached to roommate

Dear Annie: I'm 40 years old and the single father of a teenage daughter. I've recently become engaged to my high school sweetheart, "Mona." I very much look forward to building a life with my new family, but there's a roommate, and she wants the roomie to live with us after we're married.

Mona is 39, and her roommate, "Jane," is 25. Mona never has been married or had children, and over the last few years she's come to regard Jane as a surrogate daughter. Jane is emotionally needy and has a hard time making decisions for herself, so she leans heavily on Mona to do her thinking for her. Although Jane's a sweet and friendly girl and I like her, I'm concerned that the four of us sharing a house is going to be a

source of conflict. We've discussed this, and Mona is very defensivel about not giving up Jane. She wants Jane to live with us for a year or so until she finishes graduate school, but I



have a feeling that she'd be with us for the long

Conflicted

in Kentucky Dear Kentucky: How long has Mona lived with Jane that the relationship is so interde-pendent? And, we hate to ask, but are you certain about Mona's sexual orientation? This seems mighty strange to

If Jane is emotionally depen dent, Mona should help her become self-sufficient instead of enabling her to remain immature

and clingy. She can still keep in close touch, but a loving "parent" does not encourage an adult child to move in with Mom and Dad. Please hash this out with Mona before making commitments.

Dear Annie: My children are 11 and 12 years old. Every year around the holidays, I try to teach them about giving to those less fortunate. In previous years we have served Thanksgiving dinner at homeless shelters, and taken clothing and food to a day care

center in the inner city. Well, (sigh), last year, we donated our children's old coats through a local collection pro gram. I pulled the kids from school and took them along, but all they did was complain about missing school, and carry on about how much they didn't want to come. How do I help my chil-

dren "get it"?

— Trying to Help in Michigan Dear Michigan: Your kids are "getting it" more than you think. Don't let their whining convince you to leave them at home. In fact, involve them more in the process of selecting the items to give away, and envisioning the children who will use them. Even when they complain, they are absorbing the lessons of generosity and kindness, and when they are older, they undoubtedly will

emulate your example. Emiliate your example: Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marry Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to annies mailbox@comeast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate 577 W. Century Blud, Suite 700, Los AngeleS, CA 9045. **Family Circus**



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Kinser - I have a large box and a half (almost 2) of items ranging from baby/hoddler girls olothing, toys, stuff animals, men's clothing, etc. I am selling the whole lot for \$75 obo. Email me at angelicbaby623 thyahoo.com or call 637-378 obo.

adena - Selling 4" solid buntain. Paid \$2,000,

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	J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P	•ESPNews	Headline News	King of the Hill "Apres Hank, Le Deluge" Hank must save Arlen.	That '70s Show 'Join Together' Kel- so gives relation- ship advice.	The Apprentice (C	C)	Survivor: Vanuatu, 'Gender WarsAn The 10th contestan' (CC)	Islands of Fire d It's Getting Ugly" t is voted off. (N)	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show	(CC)	Late Show (CC)
7	AFN-ATL	(5:46) Oprah Win- frey (CC)	(:35) Guiding Light	(CC)	(:17) General Hos- pital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)				Teacher's Pet "Pet Project" (CC)	What's New Scoo- by-Doo?
8	NEWS	Hardball With Chris	Matthews	Primetime Thursda		The O'Reilly Facto	ır (CC)	Good Morning Am	erica (CC)			Headline News	Channel One
9	SPORTS	•(5:00) Sports				SportsCenter		NFL Total Access		•Sports			
H		The Simpsons	Everybody Loves	Charmed "Used Ka	rma" Phoebe's	Boston Public "Ch	apter Thirty-Five" A	Arctic Mission "Ma	king of"	Friends Two	Seinfeld Girlfriend	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)
10	SPEC	Marge puts the family on a diet.	Raymond A new favorite son. (CC)	boyfriend leaves her the sisters are witch	es. (CC)	student finds a note ister plot against the	e school. (CC)			strangers intrigue the friends. (CC)	piques Jerry's inter- est. (CC)	(CC)	
	AFN-FAM AFN-MOV	SpongeBob H. Backstories	Rugrats (CC) Ent. Tonight	ChalkZone (CC) * * "Dr. Dolittle" (1	The Weekenders 1998) Eddie Murphy.	Jimmy Neutron Ossie Davis.	All That (:38) * * * "Space	Lizzie McGuire Cowboys" (2000, A	Sabrina-Witch dventure) Clint Eastv	Switched! (CC) rood. Tommy Lee Jor	Radio-Roscoe nes.	The Cosby Show **"Booty Call"	
14	TMC	(5:00) *% "Little Miss Millions" (1993) 'PG'	± s "Lost Treasure"	' (2003, Action) Step ot helps a man find tr id-English) 'R' (CC)	hen Baldwin, Nico- reasure and rescue	* * "The Crocod venture) Steve Irwin animals and CIA ag	ile Hunter: Collision	Course" (2002, Ad-	* * "Jackass: The Knoxville, Bam Man		edy) Johnny (noxville and pals go		998, Drama) Ray Li- pops get caught up
24	PBS	Dragon Tales Zak cleans up after Wheezie. (EI)	Zoom (EI) (CC) (DVS)	The NewsHour Wit (CC)	h Jim Lehrer (N)	Washington Week (N) (CC)	Wall Street Week With Fortune (N) (CC)	Now With Bill Moy		Tucker Carlson: Unfiltered (N) (CC)	Journal Editorial Report (N) (CC)	Charlie Rose Fran	
25	SHOW	Neeson, Peter Sars 'PG-13' (CC)	The Widowmaker" (gaard. A Soviet subm	narine's nuclear react	tor develops a leak.	nythological killer.		date uncovers a	Scenarios USA Shorts: Just Like You Imagined	Dead Like Me "Al- ways" George faces her past life.	(:45) Alfie: SHO Me	* * x "Dark Blue" (A corrupt detective science. 'R' (CC)	faces a crisis of con-
27	A&E	the Desert' Politicia: Johnny Volpato. (CC	n and pharmacist	The Pamela Smart : ted husband's murd	Story' Woman plot-	ment' A profile of J (CC)		Bill O'Reilly. (CC)		jobs. (N) (CC)	Wives America's firs	it ladies hold enigma	tic, yet high-profile
28	DISC	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Africa's Great Rivers	Africa's Great Rivers	Wild and Dangero		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
29	TFC	TV Patrol Interna- tional Edition	(:25) Wazz Up Wazz Up	(:15) Bida SI Mister			(:45) Y Speak		Balitang America (In Tagalog)	Good Morning Kris (In Tagalog)	(:40) Masayang Tai		(:45) SQC Reload
30	CNN-I	Larry King Live (C	C)	CNNI World News	World Sport	Business Internati	onal	Asia Tonight	Biz Asia	CNNI World News	•World Sport	Biz Asia	The Music Room
31	GOLF	●LPGA Golf Tourna	ment of Champions	First Round. From	Birmingham, Ala.	•	Ouest for the Card	Golf Channel Academy	Golf Central	Golf Channel Academy	Golf Central	 LPGA Golf Tourn First Round. Fron 	ament of Champions n Birmingham, Ala.
32	TLC	Clean Sweep 'Rec Functional rec room		In a Fix "Nautical by a nautical theme. (C	(Nature* Office with C)	Clean Sweep "You Ours" Gary just mo	rs, Mine & Finally ved in with Jennifer.	What Not to Wear gets a new look. (C)		For Better or for W	orse "Lori and Alex"	Clean Sweep "You Ours" Gary just mo	rs, Mine & Finally
34	TOON	Foster's Home for			Teen Titans	Powerpuff Girls!	Cartoon Cartoon (Looney Tunes	I Am Weasel	Sheep in the Big City	Detective Squad	
35	ANPL	Wars" An injured bir to the zoo. (CC)	d of prey is brought	Most Extreme 'Defi shells; frog secretes	glue. (CC)	Weird Nature Anim habits. (CC)		Weird Nature Defer and breeding metho	ids of animals. (CC)	Miami Animal Poli- Gator feasts on the ficed goats.	carcasses of sacri-	Weird Nature Anim habits. (CC)	
36	сом	Amazon tribe initia- tion. (CC)	Crossballs Obesi- ty. (CC)	The Daily Show John Zogby. (CC)	special greetings fro acters. (CC)		Comedy Central Presents Lizz Win- stead. (CC)	Comedy Central Presents Comic Lewis Black. (CC)	Comedy Central Presents Frank Caliendo. (CC)	Comedy Central Presents Darrell Hammond. (CC)	Comedy Central Presents Greg Gi- raldo. (CC)	Bill Maher: Be Mo	
40	NGC-A	Extreme Earth "Vio Caribbean's Montse	rrat.	Snake Wranglers Venomous snakes.	Croc Chronicles Giant Nile croco- diles.	Mikomazi Rhino		Land of the Tiger		Wild Rio		Seconds From Dis no" Tunnel accident	
42	SPIKE	World's Wildest Po		CSI: Crime Scene I Eleven Angry Juror	s" (CC) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene terflied" (CC) (DVS)	-	ers" (CC) (DVS)	Investigation "Suck-	or Plastic?" (CC) (D			MXC "Donors and Addicts"
43	FOX	ington investigates t prospector's journal.	(OC)	St. Elsewhere "Crai plans a romantic ew tive Hungarian docti	ening with an attrac- or. (CC)	Totally Outra- geous Behavior (N) (CC)	The World's Crazi- est Videos (N) (CC)	to bring light and life ly. (CC)	to a California fami-	(CC)		Cagney & Lacey 1 Beth takes home as (CC)	n abandoned baby.
44	BET	106 & Park: BET's	Top 10 Live T.I. video	o walk-on.	BET.com Count- down	dered hoodlum retu	, Horror) Snoop Dog rns from the dead to	seek revenge.	el T. Weiss. A mur-	Club Comic View F Mutzie.	Rodney Perry;	BET Nightly News (CC)	BET Style Zab Ju- dah; Chingy.
46	COURT	Hollywood Heat	Body of Evidence: From the Case Files	cers answer do- mestic calls. (CC)	Cops Two Minne- apolis neighbor- hood disputes.	The Investigators Grave" A teacher di	From Beyond the es in a car wreck.	Forensic Files 'Punch Line'	Forensic Files Family's health mystery.	Forensic Files Body found in a salvage shop.	 Detective Widow- er's death investi- gated. 	Forensics Acade- my How fires burn.	Forensics Academy Blood spatter.
48	STR-WLD	The Simpsons (CC)	The Drew Carey Show (CC)	Asia	Friends (CC)	 Wrestling 		Stupid Behavior Caught on Tape (CC)	When Hidden Cameras Attack	Ultimate Force		Friends (CC)	Stupid Behavior Caught on Tape (CC)
50	LIFE	The Golden Girls The ladies swoon over an actor.	The Golden Girls Stan convalesces after surgery. (CC)	Traci Lords. A woma (DVS)	Dead" (1995, Suspe an suspects foul play	when her friend dies	in surgery. (CC)	Corbin. A horse trai	ner takes revenge on	Doug Savant, Cryst her evil husband. (C	C) (DVS)	Merge A couple trie different decorating	styles. (CC)
51	ABCFAM	7th Heaven "High a Kevin celebrate thei think about having k	r anniversary and ids. (CC)	Smallville 'Obscura race to save Chloe t alive. (CC)	from being buried	Peeples. A hapless	or" (1997, Mystery) s reporter attempts to	solve a 60-year-old o	ase.	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Let's Make a Date."	Whose Line Is It Anyway? Car- washing mission.	The 700 Club (CC)	
53	HIST	History's Mysteries Hunters" The cyclop and the ferocious gr	s. Amazon warriors	Modern Marvels "C than 2 million U.S. c year. (CC)		Making History Wi Conversation With V ter Cronkite. (N) (C)	Walter Cronkite" Wal-	"Cannae" (CC)	Command Deci- sions Coalition lib- erates Kuwait. (N)	Modern Marvels 'N tank!" A supertank t tank supremacy dur	o combat Soviet	Stories From the tional Baseball (C	Hall of Fame: Na- C)
57	STR-MV	(5:00) Movie		(:10) Movie				Movie				(10:50) Movie	
58	ADV 1		Into the Danger Zo		Bolivia Mountain E sional mountain bik up the Andes.	ers make their way	Out There Croco- diles kill nine vil- lagers.	Beyond the Hori- zon	Shoot the Crea- ture "Monarch BUt- terflies"	Total Adventure "Basejumping Africa"	African B.A.S.E.	Next Wave Tracking deadly snakes.	diles kill nine vil- lagers.
59	MTV	Real World Road Rules Chal- lenge (CC)	Battle for Ozzfest	Room Raiders	Room Raiders	Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County	Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County	Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County	Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County	Pimp My Ride	You've Got a Friend	Viva La Bam	Real World Road Rules Chal- lenge (CC)
60	NICK	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	Rugrats Angelica makes Santa quit. (EI) (CC)	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	Invader Zim	Rugrats Angelica makes Santa quit. (EI) (CC)	The Fairly Odd- Parents (CC)	As Told by Ginger

JAPAN TV

Morning
7:30 Disney (12)
Afternoon
5:50 News (15)
Afternoon
7:50 News News (1)
7:50 News (15)
7:50 News

JAPAN TV-BS7

Morning
6:15 World News
7:15 World News
8:15 World News
9:15 World News
9:15 World News Hour
10:10 B5 Documentary: Work after retirement and Pension
11:15 CNN News

Afternoon 12:15 ABC News 12:35 Shigeki Maruyama's Golf Lesson (13) 2:15 PBS NewsHour 3:15 CNN News 4:15 World News Hour 5:15 Asian News

5:15 Asian News Evening 6:15 CNN News 6:30 World Golf Championship Preview 7:15 News Today: Asia 8:15 News Today: World

9:15 Economic News 10:10 World Reports 11:15 MFL: New England Patriots vs. St. Louis Rams 2:15 Asian News 3:35 World Amazing Sports

4:15 Asian News

5:10 World News Hour

JAPAN TV-BS11

Morning 9:30 Aerobics 10:00 Classical Music: NHK Symphony Or-chestra Concert Evening 7:00 NHK News

12:30 Classical Music: Shigeaki Saegusa's Opera "Jr. Butterfly"

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Morning
6:00 U.S. Movie (1989): Lock Up (1:50)
Afternoon
12:00 TV Series: Sex and the City
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1:00 U.S. Movie (2003): Deep Shock (1:35)
2:50 U.S. Movie (1988): Cockfail (1:45)
4:35 U.S. Movie (1994): The River Wild (1:55)

4:35 U.S. Movre (139-7). III. III. Evening.
10:20 U.S. Movie (2002): Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (2:00)
12:20 TV Series: Friends the Final
4:15 Mong Kong Movie (1982): Fist of Fury
(1:45)

MTV

Morning 6:00 Wake Up

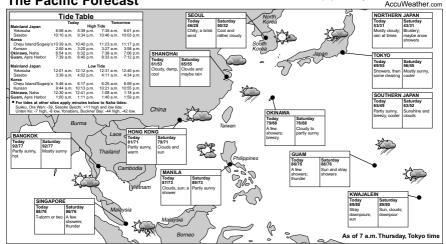
7:00 M Size Thursday 8:00 Top Choice 10:00 Pure Music 11:00 Top Choice Afternoon 12:00 Classic 90s 12:00 Classic 90s 130 Consensus: Rip Slyme 2:00 Pure Music 3:00 Top Choice 4:00 Top Choice Selection: New Artist Evenina 1

Evening 6:00 M Size Friday 7:00 Rocks

7,00 Rocker Husy 7,00 Rocker Husy Special 9,00 Eminem All Week Making the Video: Dr. Dre & Eminem Fanography 10,00 Screen 10,00 Screen 10,00 Tem Special 10,00 Tem Special 10,00 Tem Special 10,00 VaTAI 10,00 VaTAI 3,00 After Hours

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 60, low 56. Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 67, low 51.

KADENA

Sunday: Partly sunny, high 79, low 70. Monday: Mostly cloudy, high 76, low 66.

SEOUL

Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 48, low 29. Monday: Sunny, high 41, low 27.

MANILA

Sunday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 73. Monday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 73.

HAGATNA

Sunday: Showers, high 88, low 76. Monday: Showers, high 88, low 76.

Wednesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/I OW	CITY	ніснл ом
Albuquerque	60/36	Los Angeles	69/51
Amarillo	60/35	Little Rock	66/57
Anchorage	39/33	Louisville	68/49
Asheville	56/38	Miami	81/71
Baltimore	50/34	Milwaukee	61/36
Birmingham	67/53	Nashville	68/51
Bismarck	44/11	New York	45/38
Boise	51/40	Omaha	57/25
Boston	42/36	Orlando	80/60
Brownsville	88/66	Philadelphia	49/34
Buffalo	57/44	Phoenix	75/53
Burlington	41/36	Pittsburgh	60/42
Charleston, S	C 66/48	Portland, OR	58/42
Charlotte	59/38	Portland, ME	39/31
Cleveland	62/41	Salt Lake City	57/42
Columbus, Ol-		St. Louis	72/46
Duluth	46/15	San Antonio	81/60
El Paso	71/42	San Diego	68/56
Hartford	41/24	San Juan	84/76
Helena	45/26	Tampa	83/64
Indianapolis	64/43	Tulsa	67/48
Jacksonville	78/59	Washington	53/38
Kansas City	66/36	Wichita	56/37



U.S. Extended Forecast

Friday, a storm will leave the East Coast, taking the clouds and rain with it. Clouds will break for sunshine across the Northeast and mid-Allartic states, and the air will be quite chilly. Cold air will also cover the Ohio Valley; high temperatures will be 5-10 degrees below normal despite sunshine. Wet weather may linger in parts of the Southeast until the afternown high pressure will keep the child will be supported the supported

Friday's Pacific Temperatures

Friday's World Temperatures

crry Bangkok Beijing Camp Casey Christchurch Diego Garcia Hagatna Hanoi Hong Kong Honolulu	92/77 43/30 47/27 65/42 84/76 86/76 85/71 81/71 86/71	city Iwakuni Kadena AB Kunsan AB Kwajalein Manila Misawa AB Osan Perth Pusan	HIGHILOW 67/46 79/68 52/34 89/80 87/73 60/36 48/29 69/53 59/41	Sasebo NB Sapporo Seoul Shanghai Singapore Sydney Taegu Taipei Tokyo	HIGH/LOW 65/50 53/31 46/28 61/53 88/76 77/59 56/34 82/66 69/55	Acapulco Athens Auckland Baghdad Barbados Barcelona Berlin Bermuda Brussels	90/72 69/58 65/54 70/41 87/71 53/42 52/37 72/62 52/35	Budapest Buenos Aires Cairo Cancun Cape Town Geneva Istanbul Jerusalem Johannesburg	57/46 63/56 89/65 81/68 84/63 50/40 69/57 78/59 80/56	CITY Kabul Kiev Kuwait London Madrid Mexico City Montreal Mogadishu Moscow	54/21 47/42 82/51 54/34 49/36 66/41 36/19 86/72 39/32	Nairobi New Delhi Oslo Paris Rio de Janeiro Rome St. Petersburg Stockholm Warsaw	62/51
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NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference Atlantic Division W L Pct GB New Jersey Boston New York Philadelphi Miami Orland Washir Central Division Indiana Detroit 0 1.000 **Western Conference**



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Tuesday's games
Orlando 94, Dallas 84
Cleveland 33, Atlanta 79
Mlami 103, Washington 93
New York 95, Philadelphia 88
New Jersey 64, Portland 60
Indiana 102, Minnesota 101
LA, Lakers 106, New Orleans 98 LA. Lakers 106, New Orleans 98 Phoenix 94, Chicago 74 Houston 90, Memphis 87 Seattle 108, Denver 88 Sacramento 108, Toronto 92 Wednesday's games Orlando at Washington Portland at Boston

Portland at Boston" New Jersey at Philadelphia L.A. Clippers at Indiana Phoenix at Cleveland L.A. Lakers at Memphis Charlotte at Milwaukee Golden State at San Antonio Toronto at Utah

Sacramento at Seattle
Thursday's games
Dallas at Miami
Minnesota at Vi Dallas at Miami Minnesota at Houston Detroit at Denver Friday's games

Charlotte at Boston Indiana at Philadelphia L.A. Lakers at Orlando L.A. Clippers at New York Miami at San Antonio

Tuesday Magic 94, Mavericks 84

DALLAS — J.Howard 0-8 2-2 2, Nowitzki 5-16 10-11 20, Dampier 3-9 1-2 7, Finley 2-8 3-4 8, Harris 1-7 1-2 3, Daniels 7-17 2-3 16, Stack-house 4-14 4-7 12, Terry 5-11 1-2 13, Hender-son 0-3 0-0 0, Saradley 1-3 1-2 3, Booth 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 28-96 25-35 84.

son 0-3 p.0 0, S. Bradley J. 1-2 3. Booth Os-Dott MADD - HIS 15-517, D. Howard 6-9 3-5 15, Cato 2-4-2-5, Mobbley 2-8-3-3-7, Francisco 4-5-4-2-6, Mobbley 2-8-3-3-7, Francisco 4-5-4-2-6, Mobbley 4-9-2-7, Mobble 4-9-2-7, Mob (Francis 9). Total fouls—Dallas 26, Orlando 23 (Exancis 9). Total fouls—Dallas 26, Orlando 26. Technicals—Cato, Francis. A=13.155 (17,248).

Cavaliers 93, Hawks 79

CLEVELAND — James 8-17 8-12 25, Goo en 0-3 2-2 2, Ilgauskas 9-14 9-12 27, McInn 7-12 2-2 17, Harris 1-3 0-0 2, Snow 2-4 2-2 Traylor 3-9 2-2 8, Williams 0-0 2-2 2, Newb 1-4 2-2 4, Totals 31-66 29-36 93. 1-4 2-2 4, Totals 31-66 29-36 93. ATLANTA — Harrington 6-11 2-5 14, Walk-er 8-20 5-9 22, Willis 3-6 0-0 6, Anderson 1-9 0-0 2, Dlaw 1-2 1-1 3, Barry 2-5 0-0 4, Collier 16-0-2, Very 3-4 1-2 7, JSmith 0-10-00, Drob-n 1-3, James 1-4, Traylor 0-1), Atlanta 1-11 (Walker 1-7, Diaw 0-1, Anderson 0-1, Drobn-jak 0-1, Harrington 0-1), Foulded out--None. Rebounds—Cleveland 48 (James 10), Atlanta 44 (Walker 9), Assists—Cleveland 18 (Snow 5), Atlanta 19 (Walker 6), Total fouls—Cleve-land 25, Atlanta 27. Technicals—Ilgauskas, Atlanta Delenate Three Second, Walker. A—19,824 (13,45).

Heat 103, Wizards 93

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Knicks 96, 76ers 88

PHILADELPHIA — Iguodala 4-7 4-6 13, Ke. Thomas 3-7 1-1 7, Jackson 3-9 0-0 6, Green 5-8 0-0 12, Iverson 8-18 12-15 29, Korver 1-4 2-2 5, McKie 1-2 0-0 3, Skinner 1-3 0-2 2, Will-iamson 4-11 0-0 8, Davis 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 31-70 19-26 88.

11-00 8. Davis 1-1-00 3. Totals 31-70 13-26 8. MEW YORK. ML. Thomas 4-10-0.2 8. Thomas 1-70 13-26 8. MEW YORK. ML. Thomas 4-10-0.2 8. Thomas 1-70 13-26 8. MEW YORK. ML. Thomas 4-10-0.2 8. Thomas 1-70 13-10 14. Sweetney 4-1-12-9. Artiza 5-9-4-6 14, Hardaway 2-5-04, Williams 0-12-1. Totals 37-71-71-52-86. MEW YORK. M

roused out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 44 (Jackson, Iguodala 7), New York 51 (Ku.Thomas 11). Assists—Philadelphia 14 (Iverson 10), New York 24 (Marbury 12). Total fouls—Philadelphia 24, New York 25. Technicals—Philadelphia 24, New York 26. Technicals—Philadelphia 24, New York 26. Technicals—Philadelphia 24, New York 26.

Nets 64, Trail Blazers 60 PORTLAND — Abdur-Rahim 5-16 3-4 13, Randolph 5-13 6-6 16, Ratliff 1-1 0-0 2, Ander-son 3-14 3-6 11, Stoudamire 2-12 2-3 7, Miles

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Pacers 102. T-wolves 101

INDIANA — Jackson 8-19 4-4 21, O'Neal 9-22 4-5 22, Pollard 3-6 2-2 8, F.Jones 6-11 0-0

1), Miffresota 40 (Garriett 10), ASSISTS—Intil na 19 (Tinsley 6), Minnesota 24 (Garnett 8) otal fouls—Indiana 25, Minnesota 20 .—15.409 (19.006).

Lakers 106, Hornets 98 L.A. LAKERS - Butler 10-14 1-2 23. Od

1-9 4-7 12, Mihm 3-5 0-0 6, Atkins 5-8 4-5 18, 8 yant 8-18 14-14 31, Grant 2-3 1-2 5, Cook 0-3 0-0 0, T.Brown 0-2 2-2 2, Jones 3-4 2-2 9, Rus 0-0 0-0 0, Walton 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-66 28-34

106. NEW ORLEANS — Lynch 1-3 0-0 2, P.Brown 2-7 3-4 7, Magloire 6-9 6-8 18, Davis 5-20 10-11 23, Wesley 4-14 1-1 10, Rogers 2-5 2-2 6,

Andersen 2-4 2-2 6, Armstrong 4-10 5-5 14, Smith 1-5 0-0 2, Nailon 3-8 4-4 10. Totals 30-85

24 28 35 19-106 22 13 21 42- 98 New Orleans 22 13 21 42 - 98
Three-Point Goals—LA. Lakers 8-22 (Atkins 4-6, Butler 2-5, Jones 1-1, Bryant 1-5,
Cook 0-1, T.Brown 0-1, Odom 0-3), New Orleans 5-23 (Davis 3-11, Wesley 1-4, Armstrong 1-6, Rogers 0-1, Smith 0-1), Fouled outBruart Debought

Suns 94, Bulls 74

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**PROBINE - JANESON 748 2-20, Marion 7-14 0-21 4, Stoudenire 1-51 10-11.26, Narion 7-14 0-21 4, Stoudenire 1-51 10-11.26, Narion 7-14 0-61 4, Stoudenire 1-51 10-11.26, Narion 7-14 0-61 4, Stoudenire 1-51 10-11.26, Narion 7-14 0-61 10

Rockets 90. Grizzlies 87

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Heat: Shaq's numbers down; team's are up Damon Jones added 12 points

HEAT, FROM BACK PAGE

"We were bad on offense," Wizards coach Eddie Jordan said. "We couldn't make a shot, couldn't make a play."

Miami is averaging 103.3 points and shooting 51.5 percent from the field. And Wade, benefiting in large part from the attention teams must give O'Neal, is averaging 27 points, on 57.4 percent shooting, and eight assists.

O'Neal's numbers are down,

16.5 points and 7.8 rebounds are well off his career averages. But as long as the Heat are winning, he says he doesn't mind

"When I get the ball, the other team is going to have to do one of two things: Either come double, or watch and see what I do. O'Neal said.

for Miami, which led by 29 points with 9:14 remaining, but was out-scored 28-9 the rest of the way.

'I was happy with our defense for large parts of the game," Heat coach Stan Van Gundy said "Every coach in the league is fighting it: We've got to master 48 minutes all the time, same effort no matter who's in the game, and we didn't do that at the end."

Hill's return making difference for Magic

The Orlando Magic are seeing just what they missed when Grant Hill was sidelined by inju-

ry year after year. Without Ron Artest and a slew of injured players, the Indiana Pacers haven't missed a heat. The stress fracture in Hill's left

ankle limited him to 47 games be-fore this season since he joined the Magic in 2000. He made his presence felt at home Tuesday night, scoring 17 points and grab-bing nine rebounds in Orlando's 94-84 victory over the Dallas Mavericks.

Since Hill got to Orlando, the Magic never advanced out of the playoffs' first round, and last year they finished 21-61. But he looks good, so far, in four games as the Magic are 3-1

Hill has already been able to play on back-to-back nights and he will do it again Wednesday when his team plays at Washing-

"We've still got a lot more im-provement." Hill said. "I know I do, but that's why it's early in the season for us. ... As long as we can continue to get better and learn how to win games in different styles, whether it's having to win big or having to claw to get back into games, hopefully that will prepare us for our ultimate goal which is the postseason.

The Pacers started this season as a title contender and have shown nothing to change those opinions.

Jermaine O'Neal had 22 points and eight rebounds to help the banged-up, unbeaten Pacers hold off the host Minnesota Timberwolves 102-101 — with Ron Art-est benched for an unspecified reason.

Indiana is 4-0, and the Pacers got there desnite the absence of Jonathan Bender (knee), Reggie Miller (broken hand) and Anthony Johnson (broken hand).

Artest's unavailability was the most confounding. Last season's NBA Defensive Player of the Year, did something Monday that "compromised the integrity of the team." coach Rick Carlisle said. team," coach Rick Carlisle said. He added that it was a "private team matter" and said that Artest won't play Wednesday against

the Los Angeles Clippers, either. This team is so far from being a one- or two-man show," O'Neal said. "Pretty soon someone's going to have to say something

Hill's performance was bolstered by a fine supporting cast. Steve Francis had 16 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists, and No. 1 draft pick Dwight Howard

chipped in with 15 points and 11 rebounds. Artest was missed, but just not to the point that it cost the Pacers. Down the stretch, Minnesota forged a comeback led by Latrell

Sprewell (21 points) and Wally Szczerbiak (20 points), but Indi ana held on "We showed a lot of poise and a lot of team camaraderie," guard

Stephen Jackson said. Nets 64, Trail Blazers 60: At East Rutherford, N.J., Alonzo Mourning scored 14 points and



grabbed 12 rebounds in his first start since his kidney transplant, and New Jersey beat Portland in what was nearly the lowest scoring game in modern NBA history. The 124-point total was only five off the previous record for

combined scoring futility.

Portland's Zach Randolph led all scorers with 16 points.

Knicks 96, 76ers 88: Jamal Crawford scored 22 points, Stephon Marbury had 13 points and 12 assists and Nazr Mohammed scored 18 to help the host Knicks win their first game of the season.

Allen Iverson led Philadelphia with 29 points and 10 assists but committed nine of the Sixers' 28 turnovers.

Cavaliers 93. Hawks 79: At Atlanta. LeBron James scored 25 points, equaling the Hawks' en-

tire output in the second half.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 27 points to help Cleveland win for the first time this season. Atlanta is winless in four games.

Suns 94, Bulls 74: Amare Stoudemire had 26 points and a season-high 15 rebounds to lead four Suns players in double figures, and visiting Phoenix earned its fourth straight victory.

Shawn Marion also had a double-double, finishing with 14 points and 13 rebounds, and Steve Nash added 12 assists and

eight points. The Suns (4-0) lead the NBA in scoring and have won all of their games by double digits.

Lakers 106, Hornets 98: Kobe Bryant scored 31 points including 14-for-14 from the line

to lead visitng Los Angeles.
The Hornets trailed by 33 The Hornets trailed points in the third quarter but outscored the Lakers 42-19 in the fourth to make it close.

Caron Butler added 23 points on 10-for-14 shooting. Baron Davis led New Orleans with 23

Rockets 90, Grizzlies 87: Tracy McGrady left in the third quarter with a hip injury, and the host Rockets hung on to beat the winless Grizzlies.

McGrady strained his right hip and said he wasn't sure if he would be able to play Thursday against Minnesota. He finished with 12 points, seven assists and six rehounds

SuperSonics 108, Nuggets 88: At Denver, Ray Allen scored 30 points to help Seattle prolong the Nuggets' early-season misery

Rashard Lewis scored 27 points, Luke Ridnour had 11 assists, and the Sonics improved to a surprising 3-1. Carmelo Anthony scored 20

points for the Nuggets (1-4). Kings 108, Raptors 92: At Sacramento, Calif., Chris Webber

had 21 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists — his 18th career tri-ple-double — to help the Kings win their first game of the season and hand Toronto (3-1) its first

Wake's Paul tops All-America team

Guard leads season of great expectations in Winston-Salem

By JIM O'CONNELL The Associated Press

Chris Paul is going to hear Tim Duncan's name a lot this season

The sophomore guard from Wake Forest was the leading vote-getter Tuesday on The Associated Press' preseason All-America team, joining Duncan as the only players from the school to earn that honor.

Paul received 55 votes from a national media panel to make the team along with four seniors: Lawrence Roberts of Mississippi State (50 votes), Wayne Simien of Kansas (50), Julius Hodge of North Carolina State (41), and Hakim Warrick of Syracuse (33).

The Demon Deacons are second in the pre season Top 25, matching the highest ranking in school history. The previous stays at No. 2 came when Duncan played at Wake Forest.

Paul led the Demon Deacons to the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament last season, the first time they got that far since 1997, Duncan's last year

"One of the hardest things for Chris to understand last year was that I trust him com-pletely," Wake Forest coach Skip Prosser said, "I want him to play, not to think

The 6-foot Paul averaged 14.8 points, 3.3 rebounds and 5.9 assists last season while shooting 49.6 percent from the field and 84.3 from the free throw line. As his freshman season unfolded, he became one of the premier players in the Atlantic Coast Conference

"I just love the way he commands a game," Prosser said. "Despite his angelic appear-ance, he's extremely competitive. ... He's not without flaws, but I wouldn't trade him for

any point guard in the country Roberts is one of two returning All-Ameri-

cas from last season Ryan Gomes of Providence is the other, but



Guard Chris Paul, above, joined Tim Duncan as the only Wake Forest players to lead voting for the AP preseason All-America team. The No. 2 Demon Deacons start their season Nov. 15 at home against George Washington.

he finished sixth in voting for the preseason

The 6-foot-9 Roberts started his college career at Baylor and left there when the program fell into disarray after a player was killed. He averaged 16.9 points and 10.1 rebounds for the Bulldogs last season and many people thought he would leave for the NBA.

"Nothing's going to change in a year, unless God forbid, an injury or something like that happens. Everything's going to work itself

Roberts said. "Any time I see a person return, I see it as a positive. The other three players also put off a shot to play with the pros.

Simien averaged 17.8 points and 8.3 rebounds as a junior for the Jayhawks, the No. 1 team in the preseason rankings. Simien, who shot 53 percent from the field and 81 percent from the line, battled knee, shoulder and groin injuries during his first three seasons.

"He is the most improved player on our team," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "If he's able to stay healthy, and I believe he will, I think he can play to that level. He's improved Hodge was the ACC player of the year last

season after averaging 18.2 points, 6.4 re-bounds and 3.6 assists for the Wolfpack, who finished second in the league. He was second in the conference in scoring and led it in shooting (51.3 percent). But the season ended with a loss to Vander-

bilt in the second round of the NCAA tournament, a game Hodge fouled out of with less than 3 minutes to play.

"That was the game we lost and we've got-ten better since then," Hodge said. "So we can use that as a learning tool, and it gives us that much more experience and makes us that much better for the upcoming season."

Warrick was a key member of Syracuse's national championship team in 2002 and he'll be part of an inside-outside combination this season with junior guard Gerry McNamara.

"I put a lot of pressure on myself," said War rick, who flirted with entering the NBA Draft after averaging 19.8 points and 8.6 rebounds as a junior. "I came back for a reason, and that was to be the No. 1 player in the country, come back and win a national championship.

Jameer Nelson of Saint Joseph's and Emeka Okafor of Connecticut both were preseason and postseason All-Americas last year The other players on the 2003-04 preseason team were Ricky Paulding of Missouri, Ike Diogu of Arizona State, and Raymond Felton

Sophomore guard leads vote-getters

Chris Paul of Wake Forest was the leading vote-getter selected preseason All-America team. A look at the starters:

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LSU dynamo Augustus heads women's list

BY CHUCK SCHOFFNER The Associated Press

Give Seimone Augustus the baskethall and watch her go to work. Nothing is more comforting to the LSU Lady Tigers — or more unsettling for their opponents.

"When she touches the ball, LSU coach Pokey Chatman said, something special is going to

Augustus has tormented defenders for two years and the accolades have poured in. She received another Tuesday as the No. 1 choice on The Associated Press' preseason All-America team.

The 6-foot-1 junior received 44 of 45 votes from a national media nanel. She was joined on the team by Minnesota's Janel McCarville (35 votes), Kansas State's Kendra Wecker (33), Tennessee's Shyra Ely (20) and Notre Dame's Jacgueline Batteast (19).

Augustus, Ely and Wecker were third-team All-Americas last season, while McCarville and Batteast were honorable mentions

day she arrived at LSU, averaged 19.4 points and 6.0 rebounds last season and was at her best in the NCAA tournament. She strung to-gether games of 21, 26, 29 and 29 points in leading LSU to its first Final Four appearance.

"In my opinion, she is the best player in the country," said Baylor coach Kim Mulkev-Robertson, whose team plays LSU on Sunday. "I go back to the Cheryl Miller days, the Cynthia Cooper days. She is that kind of player

Also a stronger player, said Chatman, who would like to see her star make better use of her free throw shooting. Augustus shot 90 percent from the line last season but averaged only three attempts a game.

"She's taking more contact," Chatman said. "Sometimes I tell her she lets the defense off the hook. When you shoot 90 percent from the line, you should try to get there more often."

While Augustus plays with a fluid athleticism, McCarville's

AP preseason women's All-America team

The Associated Press' 2004-05 pre-eason women's All-America basketball eam, with School, year, helpht, position, otes from a 45-member national media anel and key stats from last season: Seimone Augustus, LSU, Jr., 6-1, g, 40 ct., 901 ft pct. pct, 901 ft pct.

Janel McCarville, Minnesota, Sr., 6-2, c, 35, 16.1 pts, 1.08 rebs, 2.9 steals, 6.16 fg pct.

Kendra Wecker, Kansas St, Sr., 5-1, f, 33, 1.68 pts, 31 rebs, 1.9 steals, .894 ft pct.

Shyra Ely, Tennessee, Sr., 6-2, f, 20, 14.5 pts, 8.0 rebs, .481 fg pct.

Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame, Sr., 6-2, f, 19, 10, ps, 8.6 rebs, 2.3 assists.

game is built on strength and power in the low block. But like Augustus, the 6-2 senior was sensational in regional play while leading the Gophers to their first Final Four.

McCarville points and 15.0 rebounds in five NCAA games, setting a tournament record with 75 rebounds. For the season, she averaged a double-double (16.1 points, 10.8 rebounds) and shot 61.6 percent.

"She has already proven she is a dominating player in the paint

country," Minnesota coach Pam Borton said. "This season she has the chance to become the best player in the nation overall.

McCarville has to overcome a minor setback. A broken bone in her left hand will keep her out of at least two games.

Wecker, a 5-11 senior, assumes more responsibility at Kansas State now that All-America center Nicole Ohlde is gone. Even with Ohlde around, Wecker got plenty of opportunities last sea son, averaging 16.8 points and 8.1 rebounds.

She needs 518 points to pass Ohlde as the Big 12's career scoring leader. Wecker scored 521 last season.

"Playing out here in the Midwest, we don't receive a lot of recognition like some of the big powerhouse schools such as Tennes see, Duke and UConn," Wecker said

Ely is the third preseason All-America with Final Four experience. She averaged 14.5 points and 8.0 rehounds last season to lead a balanced Tennessee team that lost to Connecticut in the national championship game.

This season, the 6-2 senior is being counted on to do more.

"We need for her to be a defensive stopper and an offensive go-to," coach Pat Summitt said. There's no question she's ready for it. I think that starts in practice and she's demonstrated she wants that role.

Reliability has been the mark of Batteast's career at Notre Dame. The 6-2 senior has started 64 straight games and scored in double figures in 72 of 90 games

Batteast averaged 16.0 points and 8.6 rebounds last season in helping Notre Dame reach the East Regional semifinals She wants more this season, namely a trip down the highway to Indianapolis and the Final Four.

We all have one goal in mind and we're going to do everything possible to make that happen," Batteast said. "Individual awards are great, but the success of this team is what this season will be all about

Boras holds all the cards at GM meetings

Formidable agent represents prized free agents Beltran, Beltre, Ordonez

BY BEN WALKER The Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. - Scott Boras leaned back against an enormous arrangement made from hundreds of pink roses, breathed in and liked the smell

His view this offseason is pretty sweet,

Because in the baseball world, he might be the biggest impact player right now, rep-resenting Carlos Beltran, Adrian Beltre, Magglio Ordonez and several other prime free agents.

"I've heard from all teams. I've talked to all teams," Boras said Tuesday, standing in the hotel lobby where the general manag-

ers meetings were being held. While GMs debated moving back the July 31 trade deadline, reshaping the Arizona Fall League and other procedural topics, their real business never straved very far from players

And along with that talented trio of hitters, Boras is the agent for J.D. Drew, Derek Lowe, Jason Varitek and Kevin Mill-

"He's got a very special class," New York Mets GM Omar Minaya said.

his phenomenal postseason with Houston, and Beltre may look for something similar after his MVP-caliber year with Los Ange-

Ordonez, if he proves he's healed after knee surgery, could command a healthy contract. The four-time All-Star outfielder played only 52 games for the Chicago White Sox this year because of knee trou-

Ordonez walked through the hotel during the day, on his way to a meeting. At next month's winter meetings in Anaheim, Calif., he'll probably go through running drills for teams that are interested.

"People just want to see that he's healthy," Boras said.

Coming off Boston's win in the World Series, Varitek wants to catch onto a five-year deal. Lowe also is well positioned after winning the clinching game in the first round of the playoffs, the ALCS and the World Series.

Only a few teams might be willing to pend the kind of money Boras' guys want. Of course, the New York Yankees are at the top of that list, despite any rumblings that they're worried about a \$200 million

This is my 24th year of doing this, and the Yankees' payroll has been 'dangerous-ly high' 24 of 24," Boras said. "They've been the Goliath of the game, and I don't expect their position to change."

Which would put them in perfect position to get Beltran, a five-tool center field-er. The Yankees already have Bernie Williams playing that position — he's another Boras client

Not to worry, the agent said. "That's something between Carlos and Bernie," Boras said. "That's something they've talked about and dealt with

Their conversation took place during the season, Boras said, and he did not reveal the details or whether that meant the Yan-kees were the front-runners to sign Belt-

So many potential moves this winter revolve about where top free agents might go, with Pedro Martinez, Nomar Garciaparra, Troy Glaus and Carl Pavano among those available. While the winter meetings usually produce more action, there's a chance some big-name players could move before that session Dec. 10-13.

"This is a time when many owners call," Boras said. "When you deal with owners, timetables run short

Boras would not mention any interested owners or particular suitors for his play-ers. Until Friday, teams can talk money only with their own free agents.

Come next month, there could be several trades. For now teams talked about whether to change the July 31 deadline for making deals without waivers - it can be tricky, though St. Louis was able to get Larry Walker from Colorado in early Au-

Atlanta GM John Schuerholz, Milwaukee assistant Gord Ash and several others are fine with that date. Yankees GM Brian Cashman, who has made his share of late deals for the postseason push, would like to see it moved back. No formal vote was taken, though there could be some sentiment for making it Aug. 15.

"I just think that with the wild-card ssue, there are so many teams in it and they could use more time to decide if it's a real opportunity or not," Cashman said. "I would hate to be in a situation where you think you have a real shot and you hate to start selling off veterans."

Strong start for Clemens as MLB stars fall in Japan

The Associated Press

OSAKA, Japan - Roger Clemens looked little like a pitcher ready to retire

Throwing on just a few hours' sleep after learning he'd won the NL Cy Young Award at age 42, Clemens held the Japanese All-Stars to three runs on eight hits in 52/3 innings Wednesday during a tour

> of Japan by

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MLB briefs

Backed by two-hit pitching of Hisashi Iwakuma, the Japanese squad won 3-1 for their first win

in the fifth game of the exhibition But all eyes were on Clemens. "I had a great deal of fun," he said. "All things considered, my body felt great. I'm extremely tired right now but was working

on Adrenalin Clemens, who went 18-4 with a 2.98 ERA and 218 strikeouts for his hometown Houston Astros, won his record seventh Cy Young on Tuesday. He heard about the honor in a 1:00 a.m. phone call from Major League Baseball. After a bit of shuteye, Clemens got up for a conference call with

reporters, then was off to a promotional event in downtown Osaka. He's the oldest Cv Young Award winner; Gaylord Perry was 40 when he won the award in

Clemens wouldn't say definitely whether he'll play again. He briefly retired last offseason after helping the Yankees reach the



Houston Astros pitcher Roger Clemens holds up seven fingers at a news conference in Japan on Wednesday. Clemens, who won his seventh Cv Young Award on Tuesday, pitched 52/3 innings on Wednesday for a group of touring MLB stars against a Japan all-star team.

World Series, then eventually decided to join the Astros.

"I know there are some people in the Houston organization who want to talk to me," Clemens said. "I just don't know yet."

Stottlemyre to coach in N.Y. for one more season

NEW YORK - Mel Stottlemyre will return as pitching coach of the New York Yankees next year, then retire after the 2005 season.

Stottlemyre has been pitching coach since manager Joe Torre was hired before the 1996 season

"I've been talking about retirement for about three years," Stottlemyre said Wednesday. "Each year I've changed my mind at the end of the season. I'll be 64 years old at this time at the end of next year, and it's probably time. Joe Girardi will replace Willie

Randolph as bench coach. Girardi, who caught for the Yankees from 1996-99, retired when he was cut by New York at the end of spring training and was a broadcaster for the YES net-

work during the season

Randolph was hired last week as manager of the New York New York said Don Mattingly

will return for his second season as hitting coach. Cardinals to host Red Sox

in World Series rematch

ST. LOUIS - The St. Louis Cardinals will get another shot at the Boston Red Soy next season

After sweeping St. Louis in the World Series last month, the Red Sox will make their first regular-season visit to Busch Stadium from June 6-8 2005 Both teams probably will look a lot different.

Coming off the club's first title in 86 years, 16 Boston players filed for free agency, including stars such as Pedro Martinez Derek Lowe, Jason Varitek and Orlando Cabrera. Nine Cardinals will test the open market, including Matt Morris, Woody Williams, Edgar Renteria, Mike Matheny and Tony Womack.

The Cardinals plan to move into a new ballpark in 2006, making next year their 40th and final season at Busch Stadium

Showalter, Cox voted top managers of 2004

BY RONALD BLUM The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Bobby Cox was voted NL Manager of the Year on Wednesday for leading the rebuilt Atlanta Braves to a record 13th straight division title, and Buck Showalter won the AL honor after his Texas Rangers went from also-ran to contender.

Cox received 22 first-place votes and 10 seconds for 140 points to win easily. Tony La Russa of St. Louis, who has won four manager of the year awards, was second with 62 points, and Jim Tracy of Los Angeles was third with 52.

It was the third award for Cox. who won in the AL with Toronto in 1985 and in the NL with the Braves in 1991, the first year of Atlanta's record run.

Showalter kept Texas in the chase for a playoff berth until the final week of the season after four straight last-place finishes

He received 14 first-place nine seconds and thirds for 101 points, finishing ahead of Minnesota's Ron Gardenhire, who got 11 firsts, 11 seconds and three thirds for 91 points. Showalter also won the award

in 1994 with the New York Yan-

Gardenhire, who managed the Twins to their third straight AL Central title, finished second in the voting for the second straight

Atlanta was expected to finish no better than third in the NI. East after slashing its payroll. But the Braves went 96-66 and fin-ished 10 games ahead of sec-ond-place Philadelphia before los-ing 3-2 to Houston in the first

round of the playoffs.

Despite trading AL MVP Alex Rodriguez to the New York Yan-kees, Texas went 89-73 — its most wins since 1999 - and finished third in the AL West behind Anaheim and Oakland, just three games out of first.

'Cursed' contract fails to sell on eBay

The Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. contract that sent Babe Ruth from the Boston Red Soy to the New York Yankees failed to sell on an Internet auction site Tues-

Bidding on the famous docu ment topped out at \$470,100. Alan Shawn Feinstein, the Providence philanthropist who put the contract up for sale, didn't accept the bid because he be lieves the document is worth

Feinstein, who made millions

in financial publications and has given away millions to schools and anti-hunger programs, put the contract on eBay Oct. 30, three days after the Red Sox swept the St. Louis Cardinals to win their first World Series

championship in 86 years.
With the fabled "Curse of the
Bambino" finally over, Feinstein decided it was the perfect time to sell the contract and give the proceeds to charity

The online auction began at

\$50,000 and attracted more than 200 bids. Twenty-six bids over \$1 million were retracted or can-

Vikings' Moss out again this week

The Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — As expected, the Minnesota Vikings will play another game this week without All-Pro wide receiver Randy Moss.

After making token appearances in the previous two games,

Moss sat out

Monday night's loss at Indianap-

briefs olis at indianapolis with a strained right hamstring —

seven-year career.
Since he got hurt in the second quarter of Minnesota's win at

quarter of Minnesota's win at New Orleans on Oct. 17, Moss has not caught a pass after recording at least one reception in each of his first 101 games.

That drought will continue on Sunday at Green Bay.

"Now that he's accepted the fact that he does have an injury, I think we'll better deal with it," coach Mike Tice said Wednesday. "He's in there rehabbing and training right now."

Moss has a high threshold for pain and a history of fast healing — and stubbornness. He finally consented last week to having an MRI exam, which confirmed the initial diagnosis.

"It was tough to get him to admit that he couldn't play with the injury," Tice said, "and when he finally did. It's where it should be. He should get it right."

Kickoff specialist Aaron Elling broke his right ankle while making a tackle against the Colts and is out for the season. The Vikings plan to work out several free agents because veteran Morten Andersen lacks the leg strength for kickoffs. The list includes Travis Dorsch, who was in training camp with the team.

Linebacker Raonall Smith (concussion) and running back Mewelde Moore (ankle) are expected to play Sunday at Green Bay, and linebacker Chris Claiborne (calf) might be ready as well.

Despite Moore's return, Tice indicated Onterrio Smith is likely to start against the Packers.

Eagles DT Rayburn injured in car accident PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia Eagles defensive tackle Sam

Rayburn was cited for leaving the scene of an accident after he walked away from a car wreck early Tuesday. Rayburn was released from a

Rayburn was released from a hospital after being treated for a head laceration.

A second-year pro from Tulsa, Rayburn leads all defensive tackles with five sacks this season. He has become a valuable member of the Eagles' defensive line after earning a roster spot as a rookie free agent last season.

The accident occurred when Rayburn turned in front of an on-coming vehicle, said Inspector William Colarulo. Rayburn then left his car parked in front of a nearby store and flagged down officers a few blocks away. He may have been disoriented because of his head injury, Colarulo said.

Rayburn's status for Philadel-

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, folowed by team's prognosis. (See Saturday's edition for complete injury report provided by the league): Bills: OT Mike Williams (neck) ques-

tionable.

Steelers: RB Jerome Bettis (calf) probable; RB Duce Staley (hamstring) questionable; FB Dan Krelder (hip flexor) questionable; RB Verron Haynes (turl toe) doubtful.

phia's game at Dallas on Monday night is uncertain.

Panthers RB Davis getting frustrated by knee injury

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Carolina running back Stephen Davis said Wednesday he expects to play again this season. He didn't sound convincing.

Davis has missed six games this season because of a knee injury. He had surgery Sept. 17 to repair torn cartilage, and every time he practices and moves closer to playing, his knee swells.

He practiced Wednesday and is questionable for Sunday's game at San Francisco. Asked if he expects to play this year, he replied, "At this point, yes. I believe that." Then he wavered.

"But I can't predict the future. As long as it continues to get better each week, I don't care if it comes down to the last week. If that's when I'm better, then that's when I'll play."

The Panthers (1-7) are depleted at running back, with De-Shaun Foster and Rod Smart out for the season with injuries.

Dolphins abruptly cut starting safety Edwards

DAVIE, Fla. — The Miami Dolphins terminated the contract of starting free safety Antuan Edwards on Wednesday, citing his subpar play and the emergence of his backups as reasons for the surprising move.

Edwards, in his first year with the Dolphins after spending his first three NFL seasons with Green Bay, had 45 tackles and one sack since winning the job in training camp from Arturo Freeman, who is the leading candidate to start Miami's next game.

The Dolphins (1-8) also reached an injury settlement with kicker Matt Bryant, who went A-for-3 on field goals while Olindo Mare recovered from an injured calf. Bryant missed Sunday's 24-23 loss to Arizona with a quadriceps injury and was replaced bill Gramatica, who missed an

extra point and was cut Tuesday.

Mare, who practiced kicking
during Wednesday's practice, now
is the only kicker on the roster.



Mondays in Stars and Stripes and on Oconus.com

Dolphins bemoan coach's 'bad hand'

BY STEVEN WINE The Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — As linebacker Zach Thomas and cornerback Sam Madison spoke, their voices broke with emotion, and general manager Rick Spielman talked while fighting back tears.

The topic of conversation was departed coach Dave Wannstedt. He went just 1-8 this season with the Miami Dolphins, but they were nonetheless sorry to see him

"To lose a guy like that, it's tough," Madison said. "It's love." Wannstedt said Tuesday he resigned because relentless speculation about his future had become

a distraction for the team.

Defensive coordinator Jim
Bates was promoted to interim
coach, and management immediately began a search for a coach
in 2005.

A wave of injuries and the retirement of running back Ricky Williams contributed to this year's transformation of the long-proud franchise into a laughingstock with the NFL's worst record.

"Dave got dealt a bad hand," Thomas said. "A lot of things have been uncontrollable. It just snowballed."

The coaching change came duming the Dolphins' bye week, and two days after perhaps their most wrenching defeat yet. They twice blew a lead against the Arizona Cardinals, who scored in the final seconds Sunday to win 24-23 and break a 17-game road losing streak.

On Monday, Wannstedt requested a meeting with owner Wayne Huizenga and said he had decided to step down. Huizenga wanted Wannstedt to coach the rest of the season but reluctantly accepted the resignation, team president Eddie Jones said.

"I have too much respect for the players and owner of this organization to allow myself to be the focal point for the remainder of the season," Wannstedt said at a news conference. "I told the players today the team must come



An unidentified fan holds his nose as the Dolphins allow the Cardinals to score the winning touchdown in the final minute on Sunday.

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Jason Taylor Dolphins defensive end

first. This is what's best for our team."

Attendance has been in steep decline, but while Wannstedt's departure gave fans cause for celebration, the mood was gloomy at the team complex. Defensive end Jason Taylor reacted sharply to a question about Wannstedt quitting.

"Let's get this straight: Dave didn't quit," Taylor said. "Ricky Williams quit. Dave stepped aside. There's a big difference. Anybody who watched Dave on Sunday saw how much it hurt him. That's not a man who quit. That's a beaten man, a man who has been through a lot let last two or three years."

Williams took that criticism in stride.

"The way I look at it is I consider a lot of the guys in Miami friends. If everyone is using me as a scapegoat, I'm happy for that. Really. If it makes all the players feel better, then I'm all for that," he told The Palm Beach Post in a phone interview Tuesday.

Despite a 43-33 record in 41/s seasons with Miami, Wannstedt had been on the hot seaf for some time because his lone playoff victory came four years ago. The Dolphins are one defeat from their first losing season since 1988 and have become the butt of jokes.

Wannstedt didn't mention Williams by name but said there were a lot of reasons for the decline.

"Many of those things I had no control over," he said. "But those things are not important today. Nobody wants to hear about excuses. Someone has to accept the ultimate responsibility. I'm the head coach, and that falls on me."

Speculation regarding the next coach began weeks ago. Mentioned as possible coaching candidates have been former Florida Gators coach Steve Spurrier, LSU's Nick Saban, Philadelphia Eagles offensive coordinator Brad Childress and New England Patriots offensive coordinator Charlie Weis.

Spurrier would be a popular choice with fans in South Florida. "At this point we have no intention to talk to coach Spurrier," Jones said. "Will that change? I'm not sure. But at this point we don't have any intention of doing or."

Saban issued a statement saying he was not interested in leaving the Tigers.

Bates, whose last head-coaching job was 19 years ago in the USFL, has been with the Dolphins since Wannstedt hired him as defensive coordinator in 2000. His first game as interim coach will be Nov. 21 at Seattle, and his plans for the bye week changed when he was promoted.

"I was going fishing Friday," he said with a smile. "But that's been canceled."



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Giants back Warner, but Manning's time is coming

Sacks, INTs prompt calls to play rookie

BY TOM CANAVAN The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. Wellington Mara walked through the New York Giants' locker room and smiled when he saw the throng of reporters surrounding Kurt Warner. The owner of the team never

stopped to listen. After 80 years in football, he knew what was hap-

Warner had a bad game Sunday in a 28-21 loss to the Chicago Bears, and coach Tom Coughlin momentarily considered replac-ing him with No. 1 overall draft pick Eli Manning.

Bad mistake, especially in New York. It began one of those quar-terback debates about whether the rookie should replace the two-time MVP

Mara has seen his share of quarterback controversies here. The Phil Simms-Jeff Hostetler battle in 1991 was the most memorable because both players had won Super Bowls and the situation was handled poor then-coach Ray Handley poorly

But as far as Coughlin is concerned, there is no controversy.

Warner will be the starter for Sunday's game against Arizona. He has led the Giants to a 5-3 record at the halfway point, putting New York a game ahead in the race for the No. 1 wild card herth

However, Warner knows Manning's time may not be far away It's something he has understood since signing with the Giants in

Mara and company didn't agree to pay the brother of Colts quarterback Peyton Manning some \$45 million over the next six years to wear a baseball cap on the sideline.

"Everybody has been waiting for this from day one, and the funny thing is that you can have one game that's not up to par and all of a sudden that talk starts," Warner said, "I don't know too many places around the league that situation would

What concerns Coughlin is the amount of turnovers Warner has committed, and the number of sacks he has taken in recent home losses to Detroit and Chica-

In the two games, Warner has thrown three interceptions, lost three fumbles and been sacked 13 times. Many problems have happened because the 33-year-old Warner has held the ball too long trying to make a play.

When Warner has avoided the mistakes, the Giants have won "I'm going to battle, and I'm going to give everybody every-



Giants quarterback Kurt Warner goes down for one of the seven sacks Sunday by the Bears. In two straight losses. Warner has been sacked 13 times, thrown three interceptions and lost three fumbles.

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> Kurt Warner Giants quarterback

thing I've got every time I step out there and that's all I can do. Warner said. "Whatever issue anybody else wants to make, they can make that issue, but I'm wor ried about battling with this team in this locker room and going out winning more

Manning was surrounded by reporters after Sunday's loss in a scene that gave the impression he had just thrown four touchdown nasses. When asked about playing Monday, Manning said all the right things.

"Kurt is our quarterback." Man ning said. "He has gotten us to where we are right now. I expect him to play and put us in position

Warner is familiar with contro versy. He lost his starting job in St. Louis to Marc Bulger last sea son after sustaining a concussion in a season-opening loss to the Giants, a game in which he threw an interception and fumbled six

None of the Giants are blaming Warner for the recent losses.

"That's for the people at home that's for them to do when they are sitting on the couch or playing poker," center Shaun O'Hara poker," center Shaun said. "We're a team, and we do things together. Monday is always a hard day after you lose.

Receiver Ike Hilliard won-dered whether people were pointing a finger at him, since he lost a fumble during a 20-point Bears run late in the first half.

"If it was all Kurt's fault, he wouldn't have 10 other guys tak-ing snaps with him," Hilliard said. "He would be taking snaps from himself, throwing the ball to himself, and trying to run and block as well."

Warner insists that he has not suddenly forgotten how to play. He just made some bad deci-

sions in one game.
"I knew at some point in time the questions [about Eli] would come," Warner said. "But I'm not going to lose any sleep over it or worry about it too much

If he has another bad game, he just might have to.

Cast and all, Claudio inspires Samurai teammates

Perry senior plays on despite broken wrist in Far East High School Tennis Tournament

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Rebekkah Claudio could have

stayed at home and rested her fractured left wrist, which she injured last weekend. Yet there she was on Wednesday, opening day of the Far East

day, opening day of the Far East High School Tennis Tournament at Kadena Air Base's Risner Tennis Complex, racket in right hand, playing three matches: two singles, one doubles.

"I just love to play tennis," said Claudio, a senior and captain of Matthew C. Perry's team.

Claudio, who is right-handed, fell and fractured her left wrist during a weekend tournament at Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station. She had a cast put on it and continued playing.

"It's my last year, and I know I'll never play tennis again, except for fun," Claudio said of her determination to make the Far East trip. "No way was I going to pass this up."

Coach Shawn Ryan said he spoke with Claudio's family and "they felt comfortable" letting her go to Far East.

Claudio won her first-round match and lost in the second round of the girls singles draw, and got knocked out in the first round of girls doubles, teaming with Sarah Leach. It took some adjusting for Claudio to play with a cast. Two-handed backhand shots were out, as was tossing the ball airborne to serve. "Hearned to do a one-handed backhand in three practices" before Far East, Claudio said. She served underhand, holding the racket and soft-tossing the ball with her left hand.

vith her left hand. She also garnered a lot of atten-

tion away from the court.

"Everybody was asking me,
'Are you playing? With that?'"
Claudio said.

"She was looking forward to coming," Ryan said. "She had her heart set on playing. She's the team captain. For her to play through that, that makes an impression."

It certainly did on one of her teammates.

"She's my hero," Branden Thompson said. "She's my inspiration. If she can do it with one arm, anybody can do it with two. That's some heart right there."

Unusual Kubasaki ceiling an issue for some on Okinawa

Organizers of the Class AA Volleyball Tournament went scrambling when told three days before the tournament that one of four venues — Foster Field House was needed as a backup facility in case it rained for Wednesday's Marine Corps 229th Birthday celebration.

Host Kadena High School

truned to neighboring Kubasaki, which made its two courts available — along with its unusual ceiling, low-hanging basketball support posts and morning sun glaring through the windows.

"It was either Kubasaki or play late afternoon and night" at Foster Field House, which was unavailable until after 2 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, said tournament organizer Brian Hill. "We didn't have a choice."

It took time, however, for teams to adjust to Kubasaki Gym's quirks. The Z-shaped ceiling angled right over the center of the two courts, with many a bump or set striking the ceiling, then falling at unplayable angles.

Balls also have hit basketball support struts, which were retracted as high as possible but still hung close to the courts. By agreement between referees and coaches, automatic replays were called whenever a ball struck overhanging bars, backboards and time.

And the morning sun shone right in the eyes of teams facing the east side of the gym during 8 a.m. matches.

"It took some time . . . but the girls adjusted very well," said coach Bonnie Seeley of Japan's Yokota Panthers, playing there for the first time.

Since 1982, Kubasaki's gym ham played better 13 2 Class Name played better 13 2 Class Name Seoul American coach Demy Hilgar, who has attended each of them, said, "You focus on the opponent on the other side of the net Part of preparation is to look and see what you might run into, the markings on the floor, the sunlight. Everything's SU-50. Everybody's at the same disadvantage. That's part of the allure of Dragon Gym. I love this own."

Given a choice between playing from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or from 4 p.m. until midnight, Seeley said the tournament made the "smart, wise decision."

"Every gym has something," she said, adding that after getting used to the place Tuesday, the girls felt comfortable playing there Wednesday. "To me, it felt better that we were coming here. It didn't bother me."

"For the most part," Hill said, "coaches have been understanding. It's not the best situation, but they're making do."

Play resumed at spacious Foster Field House on Thursday. Kadena High and O'Connor Gym on Kadena Air Base also hosted matches during the week.

Volleyball and much more for spikers at Sasebo

There's no shortage of things for teams and players to do at the Class A Volleyball Tournament, being hosted for the first time at Sasebo Naval Base, Japan. And at least one coach is singing the praises of the school and community because of it.

In addition to the five-day combined round-robin and double-elimination tournament, organizers planned a bevy of other activities to keep players active long after the final whistles blew and games ended each day.

Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation came through with a bowling night on Monday and a teen center movie and game night on Tuesday.

Players were given a chance to leave the base and visit Kashimae Pier, near Sasebo, for a museum and boat tour between the end of round-robin play and the start of the playoffs.

A USO movie was on tap for

A USO movie was on tap for Thursday and a local shopping four planned for Friday, after the 11 a.m. championship match and 5 p.m. closing ceremony.

"The school and community have really rolled out the red carpet for us," said Osan American coach Brian Swenty. "First class and five-star, all the way."

American sprinter Young banned for life by USADA

The Associated Press

DENVER — Sprinter Jerome Young, a central figure in a dopjoung, a central figure in a doping case that could cost the U.S. relay team its gold medal from Sydney, was banned for life by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency on Wednesday following his second positive test for drues.

Young, of Fort Worth, Texas, tested positive for the banned drug EPO at a Paris meet in July, USADA said. He is believed to be the first sprinter to test positive for EPO, which is popular with endurance runners and cyclists.

Young tested positive for the steroid nandrolone in 1999, but was exonerated by a U.S. appeals panel in July 2000, avoiding a two-year ban. He ran in the opening and semifinal rounds of the Sydney Olympics, but not in the 1,600-meter final anchored by Michael Johnson.

All six members of the relay squad received gold medals, but Young's was stripped.

Other members of the team include 30-year-old Alvin Harrison, who accepted a four-year suspension in October for drug violations uncovered in the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative case. Harrison's twin and Sydney teammate, Calvin Harrison, is serving a two-year suspension for testing positive for drugs linked to the BALCO case. Track's world governing body,

the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), has recommended declaring the entire Sydney relay team ineligible.

Sports briefs

Last month, the U.S. Olympic Committee challenged the recommendation in a petition lodged with the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland. Young was not covered by the appeal.

"As a matter of course, we don't comment on specific individual drug cases," said Jill Geer, spokeswoman for USA Track & Field.

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Young, the world 400-meter
champion in 2003, could not imme-

diately be reached for comment.

Officials with the USOC did not immediately return calls seeking comment. Jennifer Coffman of the American Arbitration Association in New York deferred all comment for CAS to Swiss officials.

Harvick, Kahne on probation for intentional crash

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Kevin Harvick and Kasey Kahne were put on probation through the end of NASCAR's season and fined \$10,000 each Wednesday for deliberately crashing into each other after a race at Phoenix

Moments after the Checker Auto Parts 500 ended Sunday, Harvick and Kahne ran into each other on pit road and stopped. Harvick jumped from his car and leaned into Kahne's cockpit, gesturing and talking before being sho

International Raceway.

"He started running into us

after the (last) caution," Harvick said. "I just wanted to stop and ask him what the problem was." NASCAR also fined Dale Earn-

hardt Jr.'s crew chief, Tony Eury, \$2,500 for having a windshield that did not meet the minimum required thickness of a quarter inch.

Carpentier moving from Champ Car to IRL

Patrick Carpentier will drive for Red Bull Cheever Racing next season and Toyota will supply the team's engines, a source close to the team told The Associated

Carpentier will make the switch from the rival Champ Car World Series, joining holdover driver Alex Barron, and Toyota will replace Chevrolet as the team's engine supplier, the source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Finalists announced for Thorpe, Lombardi awards

Miami's Antrel Rolle and Auburn's Carlos Rogers are among 12 semifinalists for the Jim Thorpe Award announced Tuesday. The other semifinalists for the

The other semifinalists for the award given annually to college football's best defensive back are: Tennessee's Jason Allen, Georgia's Thomas Davis, Wisconsin's Jim Leonhard, Oregon State's Mitch Meeuwsen, Clemson's Justin Miller, New Mexico's Brandon

er, New Mexico's Brandon Payne, Michigan's Ernest Shazor, LSU's Corey Webster and Virginia Tech's Jimmy Williams. For the second straight year, Georgia defensive end David Pollack is a finalist for the Lombardi Award, given annually to the nation's too lineman or linebacker.

Southern Cal defensive end Shaun Cody, Wisconsin defensive end Erasmus James and Texas linebacker Derrick Johnson are the other finalists.

Purdue QB Orton questionable INDIANAPOLIS — After miss-

ing last week's 23-21 loss to Iowa

— Purdue's fourth straight

Boilermakers quarterback Kyle

Orton said he was "50-50" for Saturday's game against Ohio State.

Asked Tuesday if he would be able to play, Orton, who has a hip injury, said, "I have no idea. It's hard to tell.Some days I feel good, and other days I feel not so good."



High school scoreboard

Football

Japan/Okinawa
Postseason
Saturday, Nov. 13
Japan Football League All-Star Game, Berkey Field, Yokosuka Naval Base, 1 p.m.
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one punt block, one sack.

Kadena Buccaneers—1yler Schmidt 170 all-purpose yards, one touchdown (108 yards, 20 carries; 4-for-15, 51 yards, one return); one intercouchdown; 11 yards, one return); one inter-ception. Jacob Love 129 all-purpose yards two touchdowns (8 yards, one touchdown four carries; 30-yard touchdown catch; 91 yards, five returns).

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Far East Tournaments

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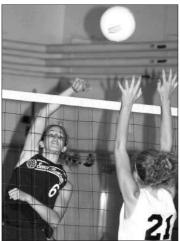
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Allison, P. P. Encomienda, E. J. King, 8-1
H. Kim def. Wilson 8-3.
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Senior middle blocker Rachel Miller (6) of the Seoul American Falcons spikes over the block of Guam High Panthers senior Sarah Bushong (21) during Wednesday's single-elimination playoff match in the Far East Class AA Volleyball Tournament at Kubasaki High School, Camp Foster, Okinawa, The Falcons won 25-21, 25-19, 25-11,

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Kristina DeLeon, Yokota, def. Claudio 8-0
Amanda Reiff, Osan American, def. Rhea

Fernandez, Nile C. Kinnick, 8-2 Girls doubles First round Cindy Armstrong and Jennifer Lew, Osan American, def. Rebekkah Claudio and Sarah

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Kadena, def. Kristina DeLeon and Tomomi Ida, Yokota, 8-3 Brittany Gehrke and Bekka Lemons, Guam High, def. Jessica Brooks and Kylle Mostert, Robert D. Edoren 8-2

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American, 8-4

Second round

Edwards and Edwards def. Chris Morris

Ind Alramy Rivera, Nile C. Kinnick, 8-2

Matthew Guertin and Jessica Guertin,

San American, def. Harwell and Brooks 8-1

Kamen Christin and Katherine Otterson,

Cadena, def. Brophy and Porter 8-5

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mari Nimedez, E. King, 84

Class AA Giris Volleyball

At Camp Foster, Okinawa
Single-elimination playoffs

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Match 8—Academy of Our Lady, Guam, def. Zama American, Japan, 25-12, 25-9, 25-17

Match 9—Edoren def. JFK 25-16. 21-25.

25-16, 25-15 Match 10—Guam High def. Simon Sanchez 16-25, 25-19, 25-17, 26-24 Kodana, 25-14 16-25, 25-19, 25-17, 26-24
Match 11—Kinnick def. Kadena 25-14,
19-25, 25-20, 25-16
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25-20, 25-20, 25-20, 25-19
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25-18
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Delos Reyes 4. Defensive digs—Kinnick, Mari-ko, Wood 4. Block points—Kinnick, Katie

/ilkinson 3. Yokota def. Kubasaki 25-13, 25-17, 25-19 Spike kills—Kubasaki, Rachel Roberts 4, rin Foote 4.

Erin Foote 4, George Washington def. John F. Kennedy 25-18, 25-23, 21-25, 25-16 Block points—JFK, Colleen Flores 6, Hilary Blas 4. Seoul American def. Guam High 25-21, 25-19, 25-11 Spike kills—Seoul, Rachel Miller 7, Sheriah

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25-12, 25-9, 25-17 Spike kills—Academy, Melissa Dayson 5, Emma Gillan 4, Cassandra McFadden 4. Ser-

Robert D. Edgren def. John F. Kennedy 25-16, 21-25, 25-16, 25-15 Spike kills-Edgren, Arlie Boera 6. Guam High def. Simon Sanchez 16-25, 25-19, 25-17, 26-24 Spike kills-Guam High, Sarah Rushono 4.

25-19, 25-17, 26-24 Spike kills-Guam High, Sarah Bushong 4. Defensive digs-Guam High, Maryann Riano Noteworthy-First win in eight-year school history for Panthers over Sharks. Nile C. Kinnick def. Kadena 25-14, 19-25, 25-20, 25-16 Kubasaki def. Zama American 25-20, 25-20, 25-19 Spike kills—Kubasaki, Erin Foote 9, Rachel Roberts 6.

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Class A Girls Volleyball
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Day 1 Round-Robin Standings
(listed in order of tiebreakers)
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vs. Taegu American Match 11—Match 7 winner vs. Match 9 loser Match 12—Match 8 winner vs. Match 10 Match 13-Match 9 winner vs. Match 10 Friday's matches Match 14—Match 11 winner vs. Match 12

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E.J. King def. Matthew C. Perry 26-24, 25-19,

55.3 Spike kills—E.J. King, Elicia Castro 5 in 14 attempts, Service aces—E.J. King, Carrie Cucueco 7, Veyte Cuaycong 5. Assists—L. King, Veyte Cuaycong 11: Perry, Brittany, Scott 20, Dayna Garland 12. Digs—E.J. King, Cassle Tumbado 7; Perry, Le Nieca 6, Inna Chause 5.

Chavez 5. Notre Dame def. Faith Academy 25-15, 25-21, 25-14 25-21, 25-14

Spike kills—Faith, Kelly Youngman 6 in 12 attempts, Bethany Bauck 6 in 12 attempts. Ashley Kuhlow 5 in 15 attempts. Digs—Faith, Ashley Kuhlow 10, Bethany Bauck 8, Beka Ruiz 6.

Ruiz 6.

Morrison Christian Academy def. Pusan American 25-19, 25-6, 25-19

Spike kills-Morrison, Frica Garrido 7 in 17 attempts, Brandy Dickman 6 in 14 attempts, Alana McKillay 5 in 16 attempts, Service aces--Morrison, Heather Craker 1, 6 Frica Garri-do 5. Assists - Morrison, Heather Craker 21. Taegu American def. Fukuoka Internation-al 25-12, 25-13, 25-13

al 29-21, 29-19, 20-13 Spike kills—Taegu, Kelli Cox 14 in 24 at-tempts, Lynette Grant 7 in 16 attempts, Ash-ley Gooch 7 in 19 attempts, Tina Wojtonik 6 in 10 attempts. Assists—Taegu, Lindsey Jack-son 27; Fukuoka, Emi Saza 11, Kalin



DAVE OPNALIED/Store and Strings

Kadena Panthers senior Kamen Christin hits a two-handed backhand during boys doubles play Wednesday in the Far East Tennis Tournament at Risner Tennis Complex, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. Christin and senior teammate Anthony Soroka beat Rikki Winger and Andrew Park of Korea's Osan American Cougars 8-0.

SPORTS



Rangers' Showalter, Braves' Cox chosen as majors' top managers,

Heat show promise

Shaq living up to his end of vow to bring title to Miami

The Associated Press

MIAMI - Shaquille O'Neal promised to bring a champion-ship to Miami. And although it's way too early to be thinking about titles, he can't wait to show off his new team to his old Western Conference rivals.

O'Neal had a season-high 20 points Tuesday to help Miami beat Washington 103-93 and move to 4-0 for the first time in franchise history. Any victory is nice, of course, but beating the Wizards twice, Cleveland and New Jersey hardly proves the Heat are contenders.

A pair of tests await Miami later this week, with Dallas visit-ing Thursday and then a game Fri-

day at San Antonio.
O'Neal, who was traded to Miami by the Los Angeles Lakers in the summer, seems eager to face the likes of Dirk Nowitzki and Tim Duncan again.

"We have some teams coming up that are tough to play," O'Neal said. "They shoot the ball well, so we are really going to have to play good defense against those guys. When we do what we are supposed to do, though, I always love our chances - against any other team."

The Heat were 0-7 a year ago. Now, after trading with the Lak-ers for the 11-time All-Star, Miami is one of only four unbeat en NBA teams; Indiana, Utah and Phoenix are also 4-0.

O'Neal did a little of everything Tuesday, finishing with nine re-bounds, four assists, three blocks and nine turnovers as Miami won a team-record 14th straight regu-

lar-season home game.
"They give it to the big fella, and he makes it easy for them," Wizards center Brendan Hay-

Dwyane Wade continued his strong start, too, with 22 points and nine assists, and Udonis Haslem chipped in with 18 points and 10 rebounds for Miami

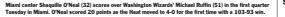
"We're still learning other," Heat guard Eddie Jones said. "It's a great thing when you're winning and you're continuing to learn about each other. What happens when we get it all together, that's what you're trying to get to."

Gilbert Arenas scored 20 points for Washington, and Antawn Jamison finished with 14, well off the 27.3-point average he carried into the game.

Washington made only 43.2 percent of its shots and committed 20

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